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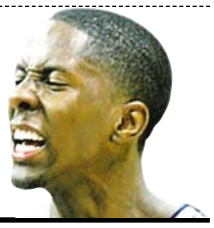

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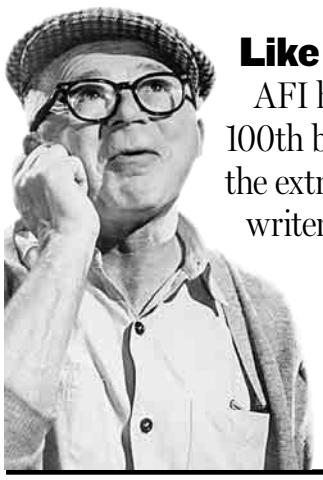

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Bush Tours Battered Gulf

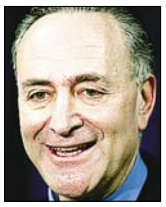
HELPING HAND: President Bush meets Michael Martin, 27, during a visit to a Gautier, Miss., home that is being rebuilt after it was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. On a tour of the Gulf region Wednesday, Bush also got a close-up look at the ruins of New Orleans' Ninth Ward, where he acknowledged the "pain and agony" the city continues to endure. ✤ **More aid:** Bush seeks billions for Louisiana | **Page 5**

Rebellion By GOP On Ports

House panel votes to block Dubai firm, defying Bush

WASHINGTON | In an election-year repudiation of President Bush, a House panel dominated by Republicans voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to block a Dubai-owned firm from taking control of some U.S port operations.

By 62-2, the Appropriations Committee voted to bar DP World, run by the government of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, from holding leases or contracts at U.S. ports. Bush has promised to veto any such measure passed by Congress, but there is widespread public opposition to the deal and the GOP fears losing its advantage on the issue of national security in this fall's elections.



Schumer

As the committee acted, Democrats on the other side of the Capitol were clamoring for a vote on the same issue in the GOP-led Senate. "We believe an overwhelming majority will vote to end the deal," said Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York.

By its vote, the House committee attached the ports language to a must-pass $91 billion measure financing hurricane recovery and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The full House could consider that measure as early as next week.

While GOP Senate leaders hope to delay a quick showdown with Bush on the issue, the House panel, including members of Bush's own party, showed a willingness to defy him. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

SAFETY | **Horseplay Station** An advertisement for Sony Playstation was taken down Tuesday at a station in the underground railway of Manchester, England, because it read "Take a running jump from here," the Manchester Evening News reported.

Metrolink officials were afraid the poster — on a platform at the Piccadilly stop — would encourage people to try to leap onto the line. "The message goes completely against all our safety messages," a spokesman said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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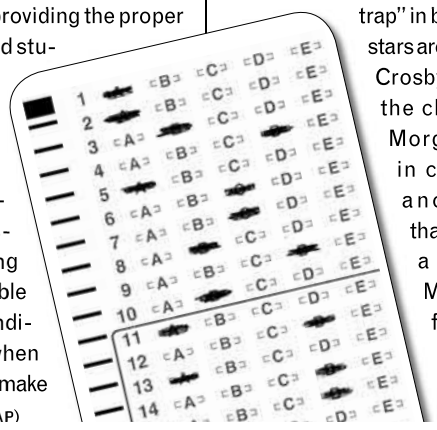
SCORING

Wasn't Accepted? Here's Your Fee Back

About 4,000 students who took the SAT college entrance exam in October received incorrectly low scores because of problems with the scanning of their answer sheets. The College Board, which owns the exam, notified college admissions offices of the mistake and are providing the proper scores for affected students. Affected students will be refunded their fees from that sitting, the letter said. The mistake is now forcing schools to scramble to re-evaluate candidates at a time when many are trying to make final decisions. (AP)



MEMOS

Instead, Write 'I Love Police' on the Check

Cooperstown, Tenn., mayor Danny Crosby is being investigated by the state after preventing a motorist from paying a speeding ticket, the Tennessean reported. T. Allen Morgan tried to pay his fine with a check on which he wrote "for speed trap" in bold letters with stars around the words. Crosby wouldn't take the check and told Morgan to appear in court or write another check that didn't refer to a "speed trap." Morgan opted for court and had his hearing Wednesday. (EXPRESS)

WALLY SANTANA/AP

WHEELS

Riding Hybrid

You like roller skating, but you don't like to stand up. You like bike riding, but two wheels just aren't enough. What to do, what to do. Well, you could get a new "Street Surfer" — tested Wednesday by sales manager Mark Plamer — which was on display at the opening day of the Taipei International Cycle Show in Taipei, Taiwan. Thousands are expected to visit over 600 manufacturers' booths at this year's show, which runs until Saturday. (EXPRESS)

GOOD ONE!

You Won't Get in Trouble. Just Kidding!

A Williston, N.D., man wearing a ski mask walked into a bank and demanded money, then told tellers, "just kidding," authorities said. Ryan Wright, 20, surrendered to police Monday night, said Sgt. Mark Hanson, a Williston police detective. Wright was formally charged Tuesday for the Feb 17 incident. "He never showed a weapon, but the tellers got quite scared and concerned and thought the worst," Hanson said. Wright then withdrew money from his checking account and left. If convicted, Wright faces up to five years in jail and a $5,000 fine. (AP)

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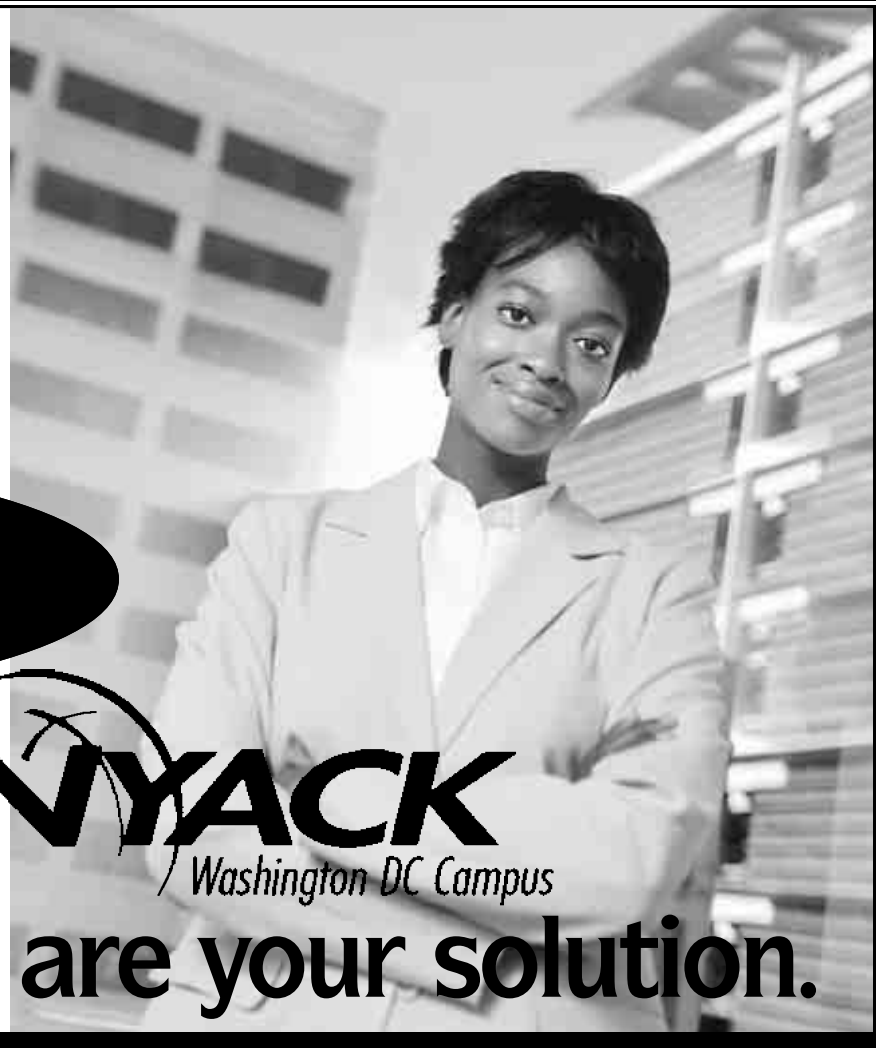

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"...[I]nstead "of just releasing details about the very few times I was there, they created a feeding frenzy by their deafening silence."

—**Disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff**, on the media furor over his relationship to the White House.

Nation

In Brief

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Former Gov. Ann Richards Diagnosed With Cancer

Former Gov. Ann Richards said Wednesday she has cancer of the esophagus and will undergo treatment at the world-renowned M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Richards, 72, went in for tests Monday and got the diagnosis Tuesday, her spokesman said. (AP)

Richards

NEW YORK

Men's Rights Group Seeks Changes in Support Laws

Men's rights activists are mounting a long shot legal campaign aimed at giving them the chance to opt out of financial responsibility for raising a child. The National Center for Men has prepared a lawsuit to be filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Michigan on behalf of a 25-year-old computer programmer ordered to pay child support for his ex-girlfriend's daughter. The suit aims to address male reproductive rights. (AP)

AIDS Behind Bars

➜ Two researchers say tracking prison populations can help explain why confined blacks are nine times more likely than whites to contract the HIV virus | **Today, A Section**

The Washington Post

3 Students Held in Ala. Church Fires

Men said first blazes 'a joke,' others set to throw police off trail

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. | Three college students, including two aspiring actors known around campus as pranksters, were arrested Wednesday in a string of nine church fires that spread fear across Alabama last month.

Federal agents said the defendants claimed that the first few blazes were set as "a joke" and that the others were started to throw investigators off the track.

Gov. Bob Riley said the fires did not appear to be "any type of conspiracy against organized religion" or the Baptist faith. With the arrests, he said, "the faith-based community can rest a little easier."

Benjamin Nathan Moseley and Russell Lee Debusk Jr., both 19-year-old students at Birmingham-Southern College, appeared in federal court and were ordered held on church arson charges pending a hearing Friday. Matthew Lee Cloyd, 20-year-old junior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was also arrested.

The fires broke out at five Baptist churches in Bibb County south of Birmingham on Feb. 3 and four Baptist churches in west Alabama on Feb. 7. Federal agents traced tire tracks found at some of the churches to one suspect's parents, who then acknowledged their son was involved. Five churches were destroyed and four damaged.

JAY REEVES (AP)

JAY REEVES/AP

SIFTING THE ASHES: Volunteer firefighter Frank Wilson works to extinguish smoldering embers last month at Rehobeth Baptist Church in Lawley, Ala.

RAINIER EHRHARDT/AP

Matthew Lee Cloyd arrives in custody at the federal courthouse Wednesday.

Study: Law Decreased Texas Abortions

Abortion rates declined significantly among Texas girls — though some got riskier abortions later in pregnancy — after the state enacted a parental notification law, researchers say.

The findings could have a strong influence on the abortion debate. Texas is the biggest of 35 states that require minors to notify their parents or get their consent before obtaining an abortion, although a judge can usually grant a waiver.

Researchers at Baruch College at City University of New York studied the records of teen abortions and births for the two years before the Texas law took effect on Jan. 1, 2000, and for three years afterward.

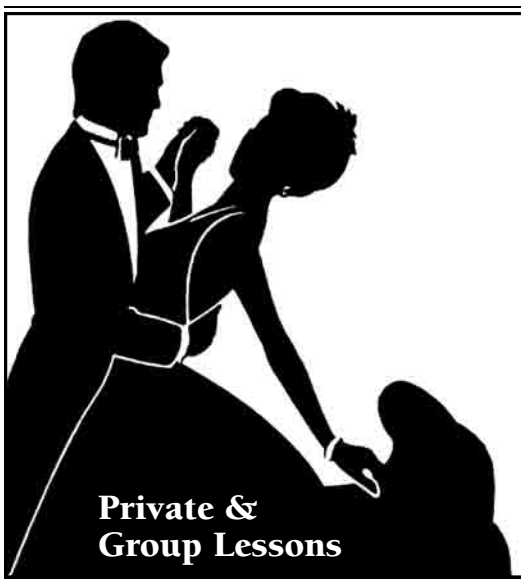
Abortion rates dropped for girls ages 15 through 18, even though the 18-year-olds were not subject to the law. The drop was more pronounced among the younger girls. (AP)

Moussaoui Jury Sees '02 Evidence

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A bizarre legal misstep by confessed al Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui came back to haunt him Wednesday as he helped confirm for jurors at his sentencing trial that he had said Osama bin Laden ordered him to fly a plane into the White House.

Moussaoui's action emerged on a poor quality videotape shown in federal court, but it produced a gust of laughter from the packed audience, which is normally dead silent under fear of expulsion.

The legal damage, however, may have been negligible because Moussaoui made the same admission last April when he pleaded guilty to conspiring with al Qaeda to fly airplanes into U.S. buildings. The unusual development came when prosecutors showed a barely intelligible four-hour-long videotape taken in 2002. (AP)



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Nation

66% **The proportion of Americans** who say Iraqis are better off now than under Saddam Hussein, says a new poll. Most said the former dictator should be executed.

Bishop Accused of Abuse

Woman says president of Catholic conference sexually molested her

SPOKANE, WASH. | A woman has filed a claim that she was sexually abused more than 40 years ago by Bishop William Skylstad, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops and leader of the Spokane Diocese.

Skylstad issued a statement Wednesday categorically denying the accusation, saying he has not violated the vow of celibacy he took 47 years ago.

The claim was filed against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Spokane on Dec. 27 by a woman who said she was under the age of 18 when Skylstad sexually abused her at St. Patrick's Parish and at Gonzaga University from December 1961 to December 1964.

Skylstad

Skylstad was a student at Gonzaga University from 1962-1966 and taught mathematics to students at Mater Cleri Seminary at Colbert, north of Spokane.

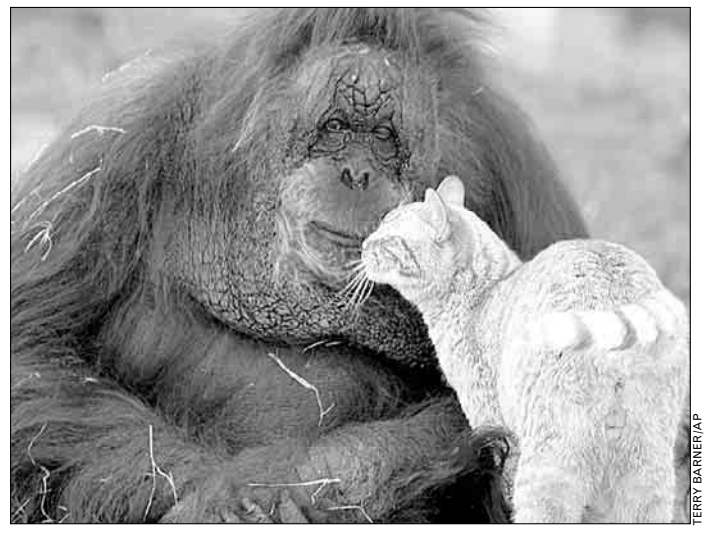
The diocese is one of three in the nation that filed for bankruptcy protection to deal with claims of sexual abuse by clergy. Skylstad last month offered to settle with 75 victims for $45.7 million.

The woman's claim was filed as a result of the bankruptcy "proof of claims" process, the diocese said.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse have until Friday to file claims. Greg Arpin, an attorney representing the diocese, said there were a total of 135 claims as of Wednesday morning, including the original 75 who would be covered by the settlement.

JOHN K. WILEY (AP)

FLORIDA | ZOOWORLD'S BOSOM BUDDIES



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PEN PALS: Tonda, a female orangutan at ZooWorld near Panama City Beach, Fla., plays with her penmate, male tabby cat T.K. on Wednesday. The unlikely pair have shared living quarters since Tonda's mate died two years ago.

Calif. Policeman Charged in Iraq Vet's Shooting

SAN BERNADINO, CALIF. | A police deputy is being charged with attempted voluntary manslaughter after he shot and injured a Iraq War veteran.

District Attorney Michael A. Ramos announced charges on Tuesday against Deputy Ivory J. Webb.

Webb, 45, is the first law enforcement official in San Bernardino County to be charged in an on-duty shooting. If convicted, he could face up to 18½ years in prison.

The Jan. 29 shooting was videotaped by a bystander and broadcast on national television. (AP)

Ariz. Gov. Deploys Troops to Border

Guardsmen postings aimed to help stem illegal immigration

PHOENIX | Gov. Janet Napolitano on Wednesday ordered more National Guardsmen posted at the Mexican border to help stop illegal immigrants and curb related crimes.

National Guard troops have worked at the border since 1988, but Napolitano signed an order authorizing commanders to station an unspecified number of additional soldiers there to help federal agents.

Napolitano

Once the funding is approved, the troops will monitor crossing points, assist with cargo inspection and operate surveillance cameras, according to the order.

About 170 National Guardsmen are already posted at the nation's busiest illegal entry point, where they assist with communications, fence construction and anti-drug efforts.

Napolitano has asked the military to pay for her plan, but said she would commit state dollars if necessary.

The governor declared an immigration emergency last summer in Arizona's four border counties, citing security shortcomings by the federal government. JACQUES BILLEAUD (AP)

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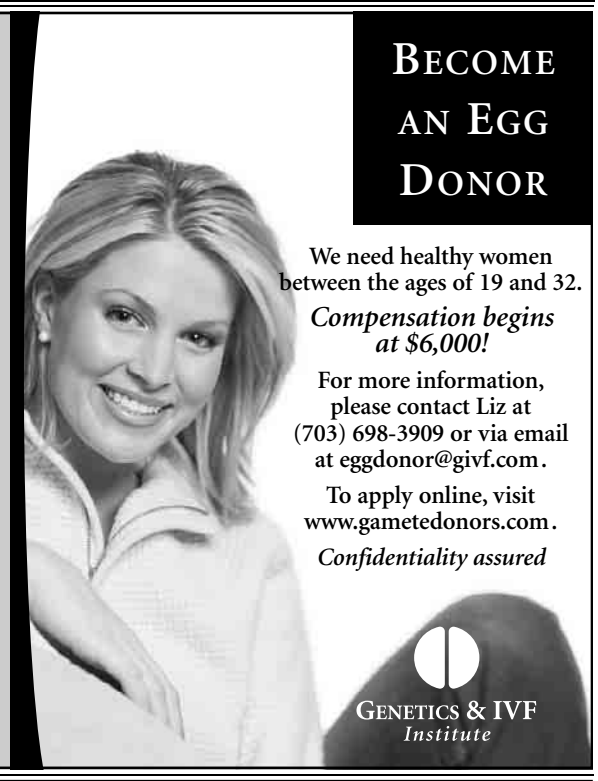

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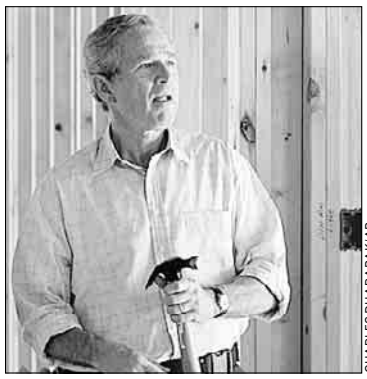
Bush Pushes for Billions in La. Aid

Money needed to repair damaged levees, homes, president says

NEW ORLEANS | President Bush, visiting a still-suffering Gulf Coast, said Wednesday that Congress must help this ravaged city recover from Hurricane Katrina by approving billions he has requested to repair levees and compensate Louisianans who lost homes.

Congress is poised to allocate $4.2 billion in flexible community development funds for areas affected by the hurricane, but lawmakers have decided to dedicate that money to all states affected by Katrina. Bush said Congress must allocate the $4.2 billion just for Louisiana, to help residents whose homes have been damaged or destroyed.

As pile drivers could be heard working behind him to repair the damaged levee, Bush also said Congress "shortchanged the process" by diverting $1.5 billion in levee-rebuilding money to non-New Orleans-related projects.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Bush visits a reconstructed house in Gautier, Miss., on Wednesday.

The House Appropriations Committee was set to adopt Bush's request for $19.1 billion in new money for hurricane relief and rebuilding. Included in that legislation would be $1.5 billion in various Army Corps of Engineers water projects, with the money now directed chiefly toward rebuilding levees, canals and pumping stations in New Orleans. DARLENE SUPERVILLE (AP)

Family Gets OK To Host Orphan From Vietnam

SPRINGFIELD, MO. | A 6-year-old Vietnamese orphan will be allowed to come to the United States to receive urgent medical treatment after immigration officials reversed a decision not to issue him a visa.

Tuan Van Cao has a serious bone infection that developed after a botched hip operation. The Karges family, who have said they hope to adopt Tuan, have arranged private funding for his treatment. (AP)

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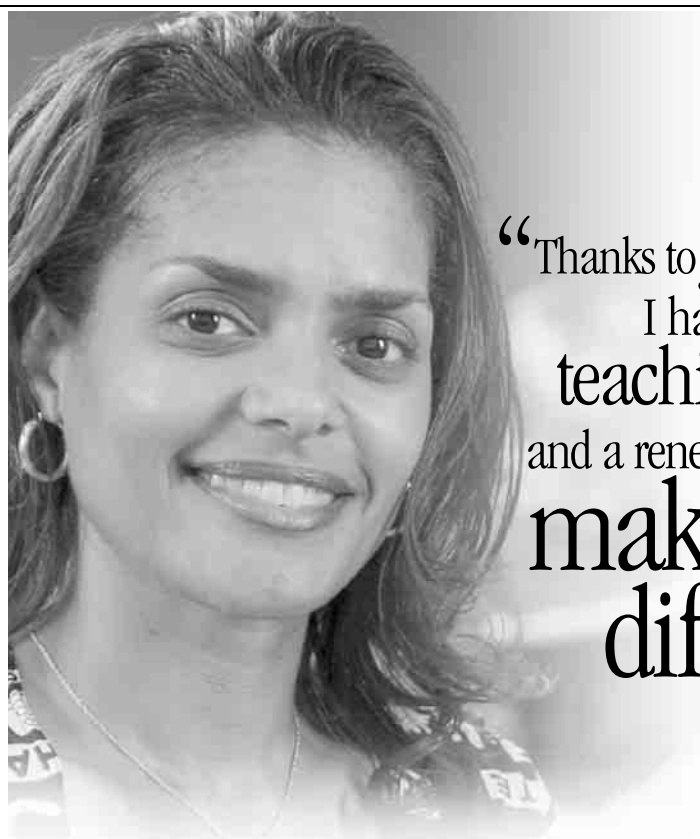

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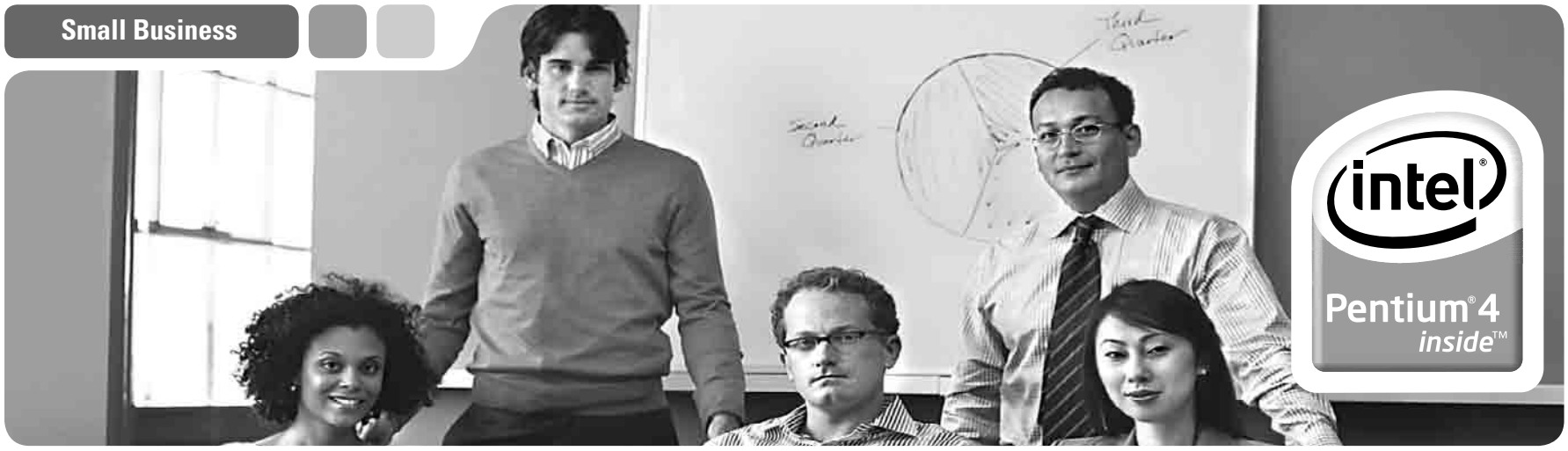

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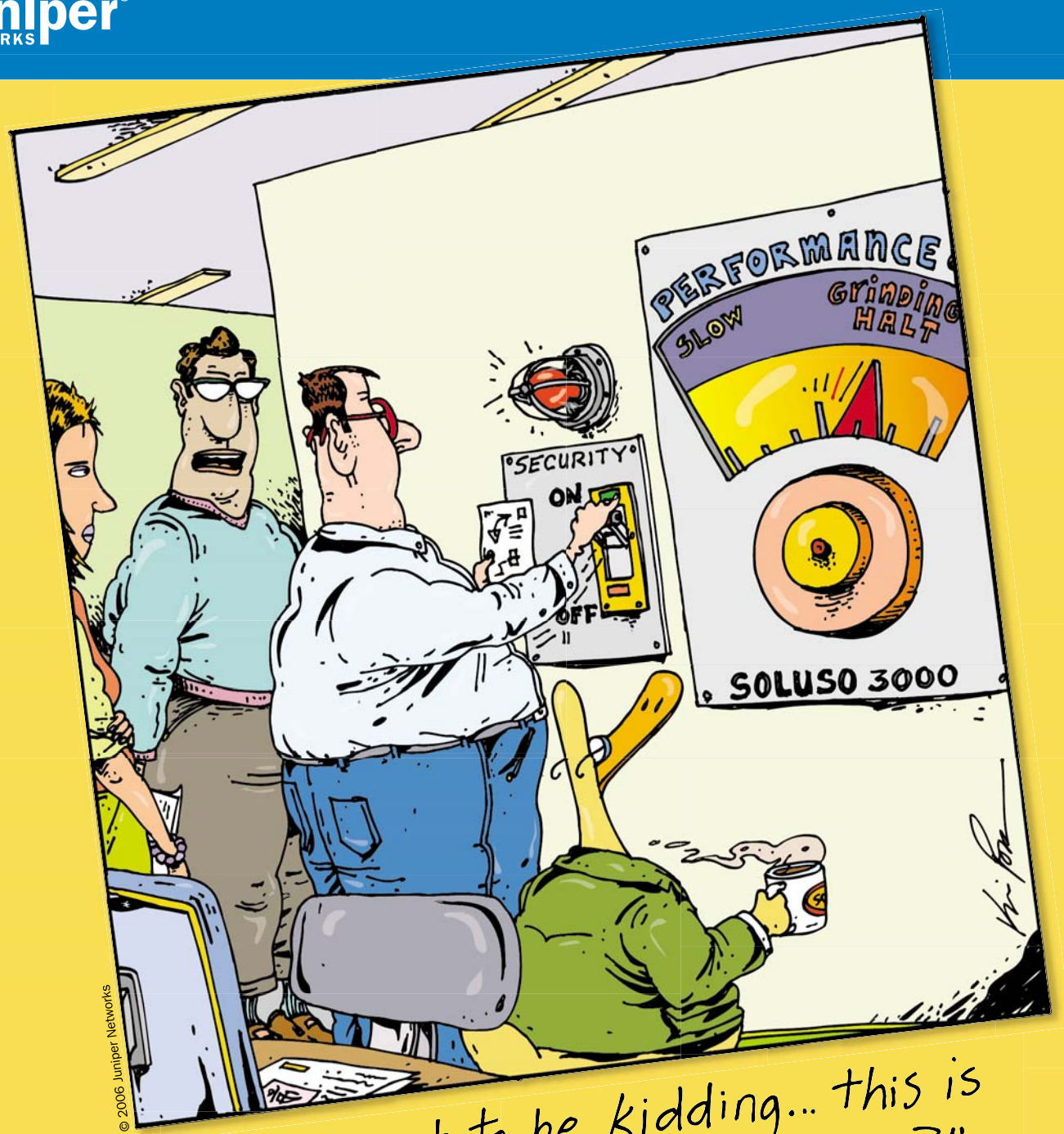

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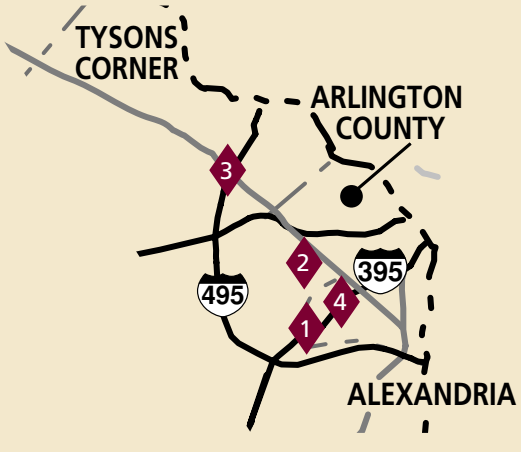

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World

In Brief

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

North Korea Fires Off 2 Missiles in Apparent Test

North Korea test-fired two short-range missiles Wednesday, an unsettling reminder of the reclusive communist regime's ability to cause instability in the region where a standoff persists over its nuclear program. The development underscored the dangers posed by the country's longer-range missiles and professed nuclear weapons program. A senior Bush administration official said the U.S. government had independently confirmed that North Korea fired the two missiles. (AP)

KAMPALA, UGANDA

Wall Collapses at Partially Built Church, Killing 27

A brick wall at a partly constructed church in Uganda's capital collapsed onto the congregation Wednesday during an evening thunderstorm, killing at least 27 people and injuring dozens more, authorities said. The Protestant evangelical church in a Kampala slum was under construction, and parishioners set up a wood-and-tin shack inside the structure so they could conduct services, regional police Commander Grace Puryagumanawe said. (AP)

VARANASI, INDIA

Troops, Police Patrol Holy Sites After Deadly Bombings

Soldiers and police patrolled holy sites across India on Wednesday following a series of bloody bombings in Hinduism's holiest city. But despite a palpable sense of anger over the blasts, there were no immediate reports of sectarian violence. (AP)

50 Iraqi Security Workers Abducted

Gunmen in Interior Ministry uniforms abduct dozens in raid

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Gunmen wearing commando uniforms of the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry on Wednesday stormed an Iraqi security company that relied heavily on Sunni ex-military men from the Saddam regime, spiriting away 50 hostages. The ministry denied involvement and called the operation a "terrorist act."

Police and the U.S. military, meanwhile, reported finding the bodies of 24 men garroted or shot in the head, most of them in an abandoned bus in a tough Baghdad Sunni neighborhood.

They also reported the deaths of at least 13 others across Iraq, including a U.S. soldier and a Marine.

The Sunni minority, which was dominant in the country run under Saddam Hussein, has complained bitterly that it is under attack from death squads associated with the Interior Ministry, in charge of Iraq's police.

The sectarian bloodshed has complicated Shiite Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's bid for a second term. Al-Jaafari is opposed by a coalition of Sunni Arab, Kurdish and secular Shiite politicians — led by President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd.

On Wednesday, Shiite Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi finally co-signed a presidential decree to call parliament into session for the first time since the Dec. 15 elections.

The about-face appeared to break a political deadlock that had blocked attempts to begin the process of forming the country's first permanent, post-invasion government. ALEXANDRA ZAVIS (AP)

HADI MIZBAN/AP

An Iraqi man, right, mourns the death of his father in a Baghdad bomb blast.

PARIS | TAKING A STAND ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

OLIVIER LABAN-MATTEI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

RIGHTS FIGHT: Women participate in a march in Paris to mark International Women's Day — one of hundreds around the world on Wednesday. The annual event highlights the struggle, past and present, for equality in women's rights.

Aid Averts New Quake Casualties

U.N.: Relief efforts in Pakistan, mild winter prevented more deaths

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | An airlift of relief aid ferried on helicopters into the snowy mountains of devastated Kashmir has averted a second humanitarian disaster in the aftermath of the October earthquake that killed more than 80,000 people.

The United Nations declared Wednesday that the battle to sustain more than 3 million homeless survivors through the winter has been won, thanks to a mild winter and massive international aid.

By this week, helicopters had flown more than 27,400 sorties into the treacherous Himalayan region of Pakistan's north, according to statistics released Wednesday.

With the spring thaw, the government plans to close the relief camps that have housed more than 200,000 people through winter.

About 2 million other quake survivors have been staying in tents elsewhere, and about 400,000 have lived in tin shacks in the mountains. They now face the daunting task of rebuilding their homes. (AP)

Sudanese March Against U.N. Troops

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | Tens of thousands of Sudanese rallied Wednesday, vowing to fight U.N. peacekeepers if they are deployed in Darfur, as Europe, the U.S. and Africa stepped up pressure on Khartoum to accept international troops to calm the conflict-torn region.

The Sudanese government hiked up its opposition to the deployment, with a top foreign policy official warning that violence will only increase if U.N. troops move in to replace African Union peacekeepers.

A beleaguered 7,000-strong African Union peacekeeping force operates in Darfur, where three years of violence has left some 180,000 dead and displaced another 2 million from their homes.

The AU force has faced funding and logistical problems amid continued violence, and its mandate expires at the end of March. (AP)

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Sudan's government warned violence may rise if U.N. peacekeepers move in.

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Iran Warns U.S. on Council Action

Tehran threatens U.S. with 'harm and pain' if tough line is taken

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Iran has threatened the United States with "harm and pain" if the U.S. tries to use the U.N. Security Council as a new and potent lever to punish Tehran for its suspect nuclear program.

Washington warned that Tehran has enough nuclear material for up to 10 atomic bombs.

The rhetoric reflected the intensity of the debate at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy's 35-nation board over a critical report on Iran's nuclear program. The meeting ended late Wednesday, formally opening the path to Security Council action that could range from a mild statement urging compliance to sanctions or even military measures.

The meeting also set the stage for a potential struggle between Washington, which seeks harsh measures against Tehran, and Moscow, which backs a softer line.

ISNA/AP

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad greets supporters in Iran Wednesday.

Iran reacted angrily to Washington's role in the standoff over its nuclear ambitions.

"The United States has the power to cause harm and pain," Ali Asghar Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate to the IAEA, said, reading from a statement. "But the United States is also susceptible to harm and pain. So if that is the path that the U.S. wishes to choose, let the ball roll."

GEORGE JAHN (AP)

Dublin Discloses Abuse by Priests

DUBLIN, IRELAND | The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Dublin said Wednesday that 102 of its priests are suspected of sexually or physically abusing at least 350 children since 1940 — the biggest such admission to date in Ireland.

The office of Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said it was publishing its findings ahead of this month's expected formation of a government-appointed panel to investigate the history and handling of such abuse in Ireland. (AP)

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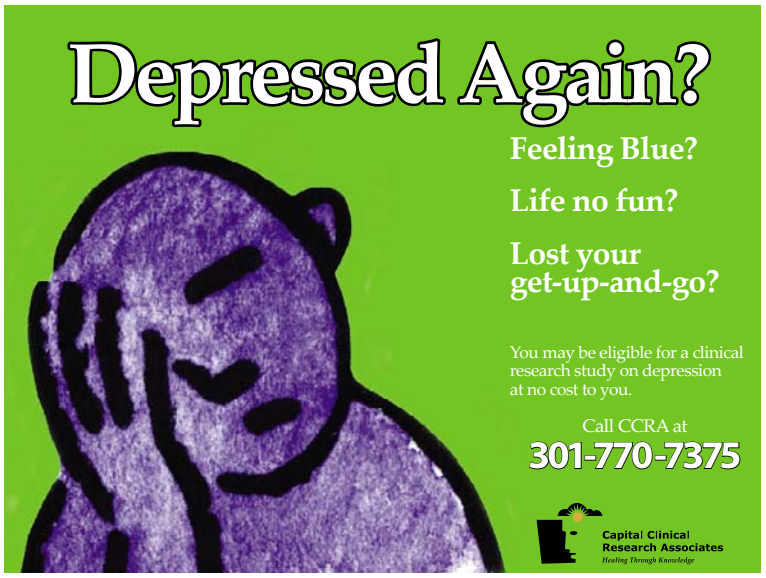

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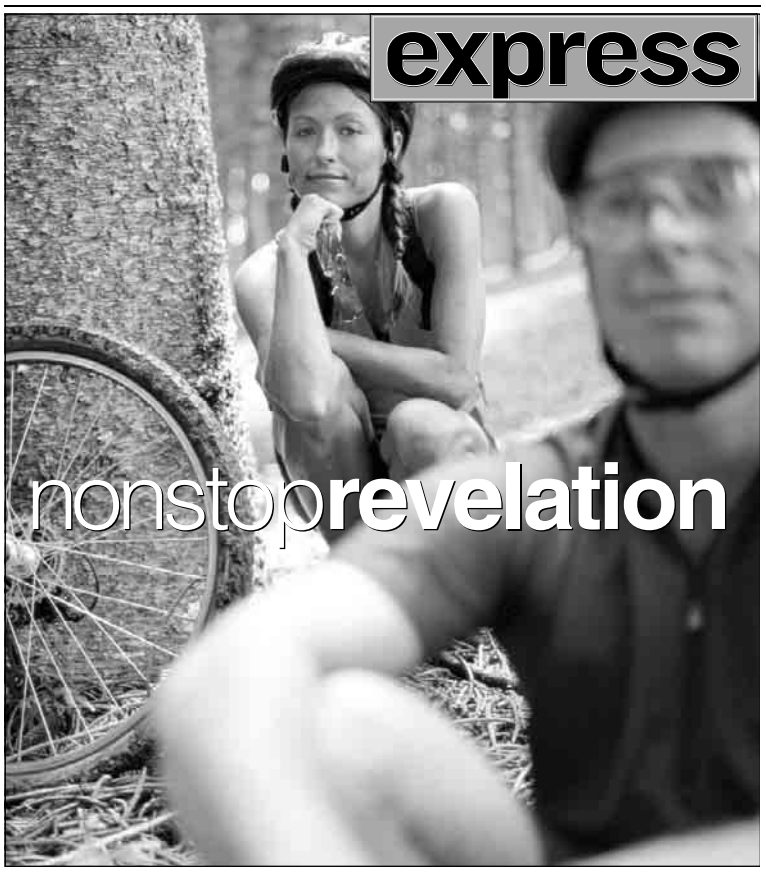


Money

Fastow Grilled by Defense

Ex-CFO testifies Lay was aware of Enron's troubles but kept mum

HOUSTON | A lawyer for former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling mounted a blistering attack Wednesday on the admitted architect of schemes that helped ruin the company, saying he let his own wife to go to prison because of his raging greed.

The cross-examination of Andrew Fastow, who has linked Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay to massive fraud at the company, provided the most tense and dramatic moments yet in the federal trial of the former chief executives.

Lawyer Daniel Petrocelli focused on the willingness of the former chief financial officer to watch his wife, Lea, serve a year in prison rather than come clean with federal investigators.

"So you sacrificed your wife to protect your own self-interests, correct?" Petrocelli asked, in a tone of disbelief.

"I did not go in and plead guilty before that point in time, that's correct," Fastow replied.

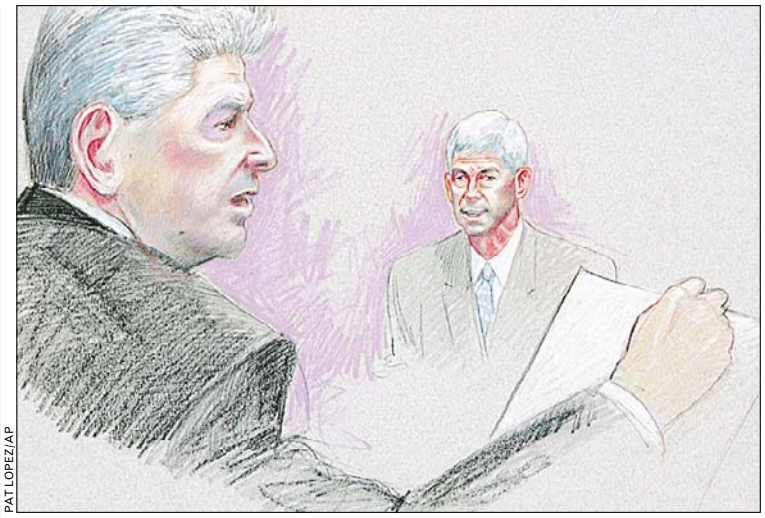
The defense lawyer sought to undermine testimony in which Fastow said Skilling gave his blessing to financial partnerships designed to hide losses at Enron.

Under questioning, Fastow also said Lay spread false information to Enron employees and the public in late 2001 when he knew the company's finances were crumbling, contrasting Lay's claim that he believed Enron was healthy right to the end.

Fastow described a meeting on Aug. 20, 2001, in which Lay and other executives heard about a "hole in the earnings" — projections that Enron would fall far short of Wall Street expectations for the quarter.

Days later, in an interview with BusinessWeek, Lay said Enron had no accounting problems and declared, "The company is probably in the strongest and best shape that it has ever been in."

Asked by a federal prosecutor about the Lay interview, Fastow said: "I think most of the statements in there are false." ERIN MCCLAM (AP)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Lawyer Daniel Petrocelli questions Andrew Fastow on his role in the Enron scandal.

Star witness: Former Enron CFO Andrew Fastow kept his composure on the witness stand despite a blistering defense cross-examination | **Today's Post, Business**

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NYSE Gp n	80.00	+15.75	+24.5
Sothbys	23.40	+2.54	+12.2
PXRE Grp	3.25	+.24	+8.0
WestwOne	11.69	+.84	+7.7
Abitibi g	3.70	+.26	+7.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GAMCO	40.14	-3.58	-8.2
LaPac	25.59	-1.87	-6.8
RPC s	19.03	-1.32	-6.5
Coeur	5.33	-.36	-6.3
Cameco gs	33.61	-2.13	-6.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LexarMd	8.83	+1.74	+24.5
AlmostFm	17.15	+2.65	+18.3
NtwrEng	2.75	+.30	+12.3
Martek	34.22	+3.69	+12.1
TICmSys	2.39	+.24	+11.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
DistEnSy	6.59	-2.88	-30.4
MovieGal	2.47	-.64	-20.6
Micronetic	15.77	-2.18	-12.1
TechData	36.42	-4.55	-11.1
HinesH	3.55	-.43	-10.8

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+25.05	-0.92	+2.59
+0.23	-0.04	+0.20
11005.74	2267.46	1278.47

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.50
3-month disc	4.47	4.52
2-year	4.72	4.70
10-year	4.73	4.59
30-year	4.72	4.56

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5758	.5761	.5186
Canadian Dollar	1.1567	1.1489	1.2141
European Euro	.8391	.8414	.7495
Japanese Yen	117.89	117.89	104.71
Mexican Peso	10.7515	10.7255	10.9800
Taiwanese Dollar	32.48	32.48	30.82

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	94.95	+.74	+7.9
BcoSnCH	14.18	+.06	+7.5
BkofAm	45.71	+.09	-1.0
BkNova g	40.29	-.21	+1.7
Citigrp	46.68	+.28	-3.8
DeutschBk	107.10	+.10	+10.6
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WellsFrgo	64.41	-.08	+2.5

72% **Total percent hike** Maryland state regulators say BG&E residential customers in the state will see in their electricity rates this summer. But a plan introduced this week will defer all but 21 percent of the increase.

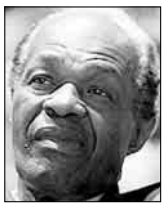
Local

Barry Set To Face Sentencing

Ex-mayor returns to federal court to await his fate for tax evasion

WASHINGTON | Former Mayor Marion Barry returns to court Thursday for a second attempt at sentencing in a tax case.

Barry, who turned 70 on Monday, pleaded guilty in October to willful failure to file federal and city tax returns for 2000. Under the plea, Barry acknowledged not filing from 1999 — the year his fourth and final term as mayor ended — through 2004. During that period, court records indicate he earned at least $534,000 consulting at brokerage firms where he offered municipal bond investment advice.



Barry

Compounding his problems, documents from the U.S. Attorney show Barry came up positive for cocaine and marijuana use during a November drug test.

In 1990, during his third term as mayor, an FBI sting caught Barry on video smoking crack in a hotel room. He served a six month prison sentence. Barry is now the councilman for Ward 8.

Originally, Barry was to be sentenced Feb. 8, but that had to be postponed when he failed to file several required documents. Possible sentences range from probation to as much as 18 months in prison and a maximum fine of $100,000. (AP)

Mayor Dons Red Cap for D.C.'s Nats

Williams says design of ballpark to become icon, change skyline

WASHINGTON | The mayor of the nation's capital is wearing a hat of a different color. After more than a year of sporting the blue cap the Washington Nationals wear at road games, Mayor Anthony A. Williams donned the red home team version for reporters on Wednesday.

"The team is staying and we're on our way to building a new stadium in Southeast that will be the team's ballpark for a generation," Williams said at his weekly news briefing. A stadium design will be unveiled Tuesday, with groundbreaking at a site one mile south of the U.S. Capitol on South Capitol Street expected next month.

"We believe it's going to change the skyline of our city and it's going to become an icon," said Williams. The 41,000 seat ballpark will be as visible as the Washington Monument, the Capitol and other major monuments passengers see in planes flying in and out of nearby Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

LINDA DAVIDSON/T WP

Mayor Williams wore a red Nationals cap to celebrate D.C.'s home team.

Officials signed off on the design about a month ago, but a spending cap of $611 million imposed by the D.C. Council could affect the final plans. Costs may have to be saved by using lower priced materials in some cases.

The stadium will also be the centerpiece of a 43-acre retail and entertainment district planned for land that's been underutilized since the 1960's. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

IN The Washington Post | FILIBUSTER IN ANNAPOLIS

MATTHEW S. GUNBY/AP

DEAL MAKER: Maryland state Sen. Roy Dyson, a conservative Democrat, proposed a compromise on Wednesday that broke a five-hour filibuster by Republicans opposing state-funded stem cell research legislation. As amended, embryonic stem cell projects and adult stem cell projects would compete for state funding on the same footing. | **Today in Metro**

GENERAL SUPPORT: The nation's first three-star female general is endorsing Democrat Harris Miller's campaign for U.S. Senate in Virginia. Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy appeared with Miller, a former Northern Virginia technology businessman at a news conference Wednesday. Miller and former Navy Secretary James Webb are vying for the Democratic nomination. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Navy Investigators Taped Apparent Rape Admission

A midshipman who says she was raped by the Naval Academy's starting quarterback testified Wednesday that with her help academy investigators secretly taped an apparent admission of the assault. The woman, who has not been publicly identified, said that she called Lamar Owens on the phone and an investigator listened as the 22-year-old senior from Savannah, Ga., told her he felt distraught about what he had done and considered killing himself. "I didn't do it for that long, you weren't even awake," said the midshipman quoting Owens. The alleged victim testified at the beginning of Owens' Article 32 hearing at the Washington Navy Yard. (AP)

Owens

WASHINGTON

Officials Unveil 4 Designs For New Douglass Bridge

The 60,000 drivers who use the dilapidated Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge should have a new one to drive on in five years, officials said Wednesday. They unveiled four possible designs for a new bridge to replace the one Mayor Anthony A. Williams said is "badly deteriorated and needs to be replaced." Construction could begin in 2008, with the new span ready to open in 2011. The existing bridge would stay open until then. The price tag is put at $250 million. (AP)

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

6-Year-Old Boy Dies After Running Into SUV's Path

A 6-year-old boy who was hit by a sports utility vehicle on Tuesday night has died. Witnesses said the boy broke away from the adult he was with and ran into the vehicle's path. The incident happened in the parking lot of the Eden Center strip mall near Seven Corners. The driver stopped and remained in the lot. No charges have been filed. (AP)

Cigarette Smugglers Caught in Md.

FREDERICK, MD. | Two cigarette smugglers have been fined $25,000 apiece for bringing 31,500 packs of untaxed smokes into Maryland.

The New Yorkers were stopped March 6, 2005, while driving separate vans along U.S. 15 in Frederick County. It was the largest seizure of untaxed tobacco in Maryland history, according to the state comptroller's office, which made the arrest.

The defendants had bought the cigarettes in Richmond, Va., and planned to sell them in New York, Jason Shoemaker, an assistant Frederick County state's attorney, said Wednesday. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, March 8

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-6-9 (White)
Evening Lucky Numbers	N/A
Mid-day DC 4	2-0-2-3
Evening DC 4	N/A
Rolling Cash Five	N/A
Daily 6	N/A

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	8-1-4
Evening Pick 3	2-3-3
Mid-day Pick 4	4-7-2-5
Evening Pick 4	7-7-7-3
Match 5	02-04-29-35-38 Bonus: 03

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-9-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-5-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-1-9-8
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-8-8-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	03-11-12-13-24
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	18-24-29-31-3

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	15-27-36-38-42
Mega Ball	32

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"He needs to resign ... There's so much hatred against Bud right now. It's a joke. Nobody likes him."

—**David Wells**, telling the Hartford Courant that MLB commissioner Bud Selig needs to go.

Sports

Bowman, Hoyas Sink Fighting Irish

Career-high 25 points leads team to second round of tournament

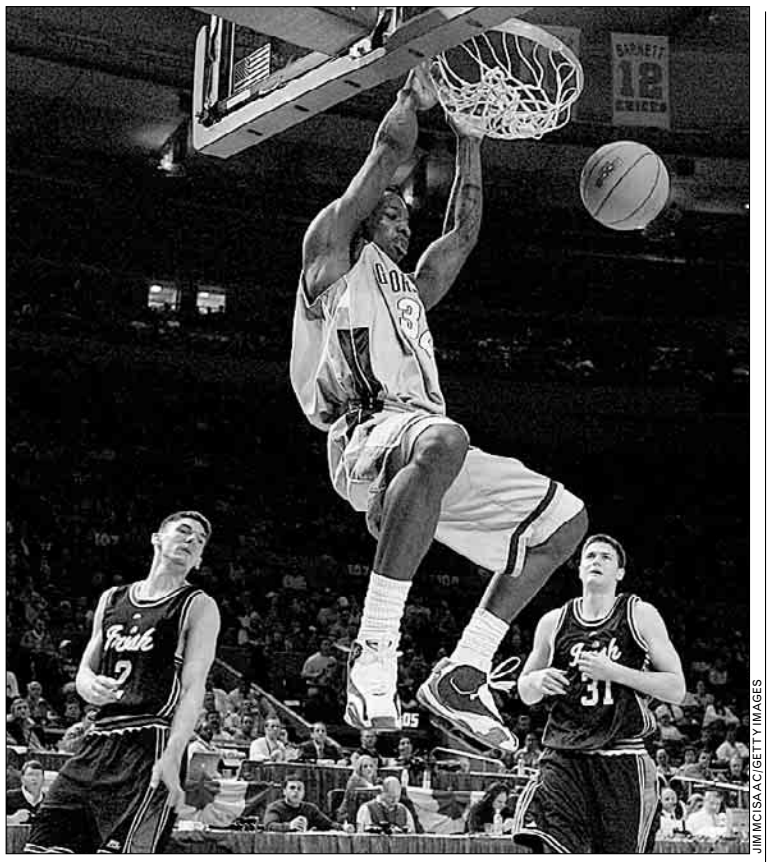
HOYAS HOOPS | Brandon Bowman couldn't keep from breaking into a big smile.

The senior forward was happy about scoring a season-high 25 points in No. 23 Georgetown's 67-63 victory over Notre Dame on Wednesday in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

Then he was asked about the left-handed drive he made with a defender in his face that gave the Hoyas a 66-63 lead with 22 seconds to play and his face lit up.

"That's 8 minutes of layups before every practice, making them with both hands," the 6-foot-8 right-handed Bowman said. "The coaches preach about making layups. Today we did a good job at that and that's all I did was put it up high off the glass."

When Bowman was done speaking, Hoyas coach John Thompson III offered: "That was a nice layup, wasn't it?"



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SLAMMIN': Sophomore Jeff Green dunks against Notre Dame in Georgetown's first-round victory in the Big East Tournament Wednesday. Next up is Marquette.

The fifth-seeded Hoyas (20-8), who missed their first 12 shots from the field, advanced to the quarterfinals and will face fourth-seeded Marquette (20-9) on Thursday.

Bowman, whose previous best this season was 23 points in the Hoyas' victory over then-No. 1 Duke on Jan. 21, scored six of Georgetown's final nine points. The biggest play was the one with 22 seconds left that was the talk of the postgame.

"That shot Bowman hit was a tough shot," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "That's just a talented play. You can't do much better than what he did right there."

Colin Falls hit six 3-pointers and had 21 points for the 12th-seeded Irish (15-13), who managed to qualify for the tournament despite getting off to a 1-8 start in league play and absorbing more than their share of close losses. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

Late game: The Wizards-Heat game ended after Express' deadline. For results | **Today's Post, Sports**

NFL Delays Another Deadline

Owners find difficulty reaching accord to halt potential labor strife

FOOTBALL | The NFL delayed another deadline on Wednesday.

A little more than two hours before the latest deadline to accept or turn down the NFL Players Association's offer to extend the labor agreement, the owners pushed it back again. This time they extended the deadline for teams to get under the salary cap by two hours, from 9 p.m. EST until 11 p.m.

With that, the owners kept talking as they tried to resolve the sticky issue of expanded revenue sharing that has tied them up for two years. The additional money it would generate is considered the best way the owners can accede to the union's request for just less than 60 percent of the league's total revenues.

NFL spokesman Joe Browne, in announcing the deadline change, said it was made to give more time to reach agreement on the plans on which they are working. The 8 p.m. EST deadline for informing the union whether the owners accept or reject their proposal stands, although there was some question whether the league might be switching time zones. Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the players union was in Hawaii, where 8 p.m. would be 1 a.m EST. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

Canada Beats the U.S. at Its Own Game

BASEBALL | The country where hockey is king stole America's pastime on a chilly Arizona afternoon.

Adam Stern, a young backup outfielder for the Boston Red Sox, hit an inside-the-park homer, drove in four runs and made two sensational catches in center to lead Canada over the United States 8-6 Wednesday in the World Baseball Classic.

Jason Varitek's 448-foot grand slam helped bring the United States back from an 8-0 deficit, but a Canadian team made up largely of minor leaguers held on.

A crowd of 16,993 at Chase Field alternated between booing America's futility and supportive chants of "U-S-A!"

The U.S. (1-1) must beat South Africa Friday to stay alive in the 16-nation tournament. Even then, the Americans aren't assured of advancing. If Mexico, Canada and the U.S. finish 2-1, the tie would be broken by fewest runs allowed per inning.

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Orioles prospect Adam Loewen got the win in Canada's upset of the U.S.

Adam Loewen, a 21-year-old left-hander who pitched last season for Class A Frederick in the Baltimore organization, didn't allow a run in 3 2/3 innings and got the victory. BOB BAUM (AP)

HEARSAY | ORANGE WITH ANGER

"Without Gerry McNamara, we wouldn't have won 10 [darn] games this year."

—SYRACUSE COACH JIM BOEHEIM

REACTING ANGRILY TO A QUESTION ASKING IF MCNAMARA IS OVERRATED AFTER THE GUARD HIT A 3-POINTER WITH .3 SECONDS TO BEAT CINCINNATI 74-73 WEDNESDAY IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT.

Cuba Tops Panama in Classic Debut

BASEBALL | Cuba won its World Baseball Classic opener, but only after a ninth-inning meltdown.

Panama scored twice in the ninth to force extra innings, but pinch-hitter Yoandy Garlobo had a tiebreaking single in the 11th that led the Cubans to an 8-6 victory Wednesday.

Yuliesky Gourriel drove in four runs for the Cubans with a two-run homer, a double and a sacrifice fly. Ruben Rivera hit a three-run homer for Panama (0-2), which trailed 6-4 in the ninth and loaded the bases with no outs against the Olympic champions.

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Cuba's Yuliesky Gourriel celebrates after hitting a 2-run homer vs. Panama.

Michel Enriquez started Cuba's go-ahead rally with two outs in the 11th against Jorge Cortes when he was hit by a pitch for the third time in the game. Gourriel walked, and Garlobo singled to center. Frederich Cepeda followed with another RBI single.

Cuba plays the Netherlands on Thursday and Puerto Rico on Friday. (AP)

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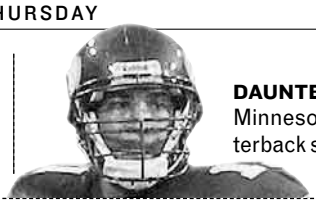

DAUNTE'S INFERNO: Daunte Culpepper's shaky relationship with the Minnesota Vikings deteriorated further on Wednesday when the quarterback said he wants to be released if the team fails to trade him.

Terrapins Keep Hope Alive

Maryland might play its way into the Big Dance in ACC tourney

TERPS HOOPS | When Virginia guard J.R. Reynolds' last-second, desperate, would-be game-winning 3-point attempt missed badly on Sunday, the Maryland Terrapins found themselves in a position that seemed quite unlikely in the days and weeks prior.

They have a chance to sneak into the NCAA Tournament. This golden opportunity comes on the heels of wins over Miami and Virginia to close out the regular season.

"I hope this past week helps us," coach Gary Williams said.

When the Terps missed the Big Dance a year ago, they had lost their final four games, including the Atlantic Coast Conference opener.

It's tough to say for certain exactly what it will take to make the NCAA Tournament this year. One win in the ACC tournament? Maybe they get in. Two and they can make a very serious argument.

GERRY BROOME/AP

Maryland's James Gist shoots at a Wednesday practice for the ACC Tournament.

Maryland's quest begins anew tonight when the team plays Georgia Tech in an opening-round game. The Terrapins (18-11, 8-8 in the ACC) beat the Yellow Jackets twice this season. Win that game and they'll face Boston College, another team they've beaten this season.

"Every one is a do-or-die game," sophomore James Gist said.

So often over the past six weeks, the Terrapins have seemed dead. First, when they lost leading scorer Chris McCray. Then they lost seven of their next 10 games. When Maryland was routed by 24 points at North Carolina, it appeared the team was on the verge of packing it in.

Funny how two wins changes the perspective. DEREK TURNER

Cox Reaches Deal to Air Nationals Games in Va.

Agreement expands MASN to 260,000 homes across region

NATIONALS | Cox Communications Inc. agreed Tuesday night to offer the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network and 154 Washington Nationals games this season to its 260,000 subscribers in Northern Virginia, a significant expansion in television exposure for the fledgling baseball franchise, according to sources.

Cox is the third largest cable operator in the United States and the second largest in the Washington-Baltimore region behind Philadelphia-based Comcast. The company has 242,000 subscribers in Fairfax County.

Nationals President Tony Tavares called the deal with Cox "a significant step."

MASN now has contractual commitments to be transmitted to more than 2 million households throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

The games will be telecast on Channel 102 in Fairfax, Cox officials said. Cox also serves Fredericksburg, but it wasn't yet known what channel the games would be on there.

The Cox deal greatly expands the distribution of Nationals games in the region, but the team has been unable to get mass exposure because Comcast is suing MASN, founded by Orioles owner Peter Angelos, over the rights to carry the Orioles. A Montgomery County Circuit Court judge has twice dismissed Comcast's lawsuit. Meanwhile, Comcast has refused to carry MASN.

THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"An owner who comes here and pays $450 million, he's going to have money and spend money."

Jose Guillen, imagining life on the Nats with an owner, now that the stadium lease is done | **Today in Sports**

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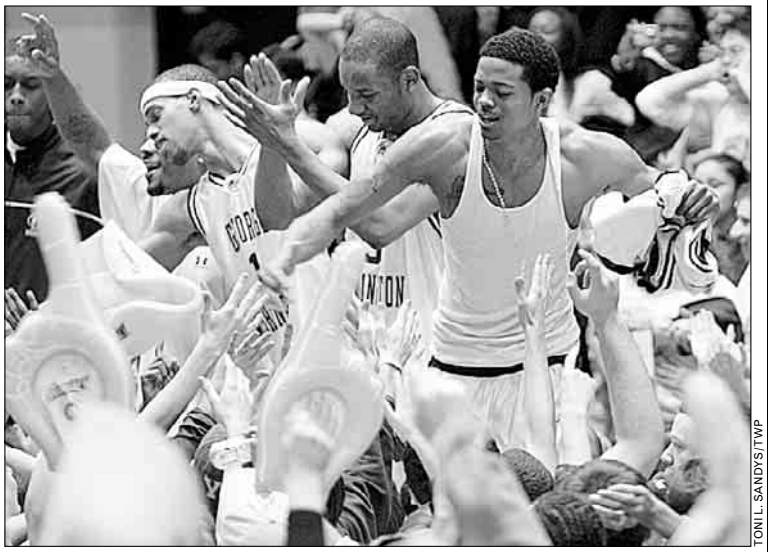

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Robb Diggs, Mike Hall and Omar Williams celebrate GW's dramatic win Saturday.

Colonials Begin A-10 Title Defense

George Washington aims to stay unbeaten against league foes

GW HOOPS | Now the big question — can Carl Elliott do that three more times?

OK, so No. 6 George Washington (26-1) shouldn't anticipate every game at this week's Atlantic 10 Tournament to be like Saturday's 86-85 overtime victory against Charlotte, where Elliott's buzzer-beating putback capped a perfect regular season in conference play.

But plenty of teams would love to knock out the squad that's won 20 straight in the conference dating back to 2004-05.

"I think it's not going to be any different [than the regular season] for us," said coach Karl Hobbs. "Teams are going to be playing their best [against us]."

GW starts its Atlantic 10 Tournament title defense at noon today against Temple (16-13) — which beat Rhode Island 74-45 Wednesday — in Cincinnati.

Hobbs' squad will not only battle the revenge factor and life without Pops Mensah-Bonsu, but also will have to beat three teams fighting for their NCAA tournament lives.

The Colonials are 3-0 since Mensah-Bonsu went down with torn knee cartilage Feb. 22. And while those victories included a tight one against A-10 bottom-dweller St. Bonaventure and the nailbiter over Charlotte (18-11), the Colonials showed they can get tough on the glass without their lanky leader from London.

GW outrebounded those three opponents 116-94. Mike Hall and Danilo Pinnock averaged more than eight rebounds apiece over that span.

"We definitely want to keep this ride going," senior Omar Williams said after last weekend's dramatic victory. ERIC BRANDNER

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (NOON ON CSN) George Washington starts its run in the Atlantic 10 Tournament against Temple.

COLLEGE HOOPS (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Georgetown faces Marquette in the Big East Tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Virginia plays Va. Tech in the ACC Tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9:30 P.M. ON DCA 20) Maryland faces Georgia Tech in the ACC Tournament.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Nuggets visit the 76ers; the Suns host the Spurs.

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Television

WE'RE LAUGHING ALREADY: We're going to see a lot more of former "Late Night" sidekick Andy Richter's big balloon-head when he stars in a pilot for NBC. With some thanks to pal Conan O'Brien, Richter is signed to star in "Andy Barker, P.I."

Kidding Around

This 'American Idol' has all the maturity of a school sandbox

VOTED OFF | Four more contestants get the boot on tonight's "American Idol" (8 p.m., Fox). Elliot Yamin and Chris Daughtry appear to be the male singers to beat. Female teens Paris Bennett and Lisa Tucker have talent to spare, but Kellie Pickler's incandescent smile and plucky resilience cannot be underestimated.

Young Kevin Corvais is surviving as the nonthreatening contestant, a strategy that helped John Stevens stick around for a long time and brought Clay Aiken to the finals. Hey, Kevin, here's a tip: When girls your age (or Paula Abdul's age) pinch your cheeks and call you "adorable," it's not necessarily a good thing. There's a fine line between flirtatious condescension and downright cruelty.

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He's no oil painting, but Elliot Yamin sings rings around the competition.

Speaking of Abdul, let's hope she and her fellow talent scouts keep it together tonight. Let's remember that there are kids on that stage and in your home audience. And for kids there's nothing sadder or more confusing than watching supposedly responsible adults dissolve into brain-addled incoherence.

There's nothing entertaining about a show in which Ryan Seacrest is the voice of reason and maturity. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

I'D KILL FOR THIS VIEW

CSI (9 p.m., CBS) gets in on the reality-show action in a meta-episode in which a TV camera crew follows the forensicles as they investigate a murder among the world of high-end real estate.

HIGH-PITCHED EXCITEMENT

BEAUTY AND THE GEEK (9 p.m., WB) After last week's loss of Jennipher and Ankur, there isn't much to look forward to in this second-season finale aside from a surprise win by baby-voiced bunny Brittany and stalwart Joe.

TEEN TOWN

THE O.C. (9 p.m., Fox) Ryan and pointless new tertiary character Sadie (Nikki Reed of "Thirteen") hit the road to find Johnny's dad. Why, show? Didn't you kill off Johnny because no one cared about him?

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THEY WERE EXPENDABLE: "Sadie, why are you on this show?" "I have no idea."

A VERY UN-SPECIAL EPISODE

ER (10 p.m., NBC) Yes, it's still on and yes, it still expresses desperation through stunt-casting. Tonight, Kristen Johnston signs on as a nurse. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	American Idol "Week 8C" CC		The O.C. "The Road Warrior" (N)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends CC
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003) Steve Martin. Premiere. CC				Primetime CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Panama -- Exile Island		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace "Check Your Head"		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	Hates Chris	Love, Inc. CC	Eve CC	College Basketball ACC Tournament First Round Game 4 -- Teams TBA.				Cuts "Wife Swap"
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Great Performances "Color Me Barbra" CC			Barry Manilow: Music and Passion His 100th show in Las Vegas. (N) CC				BuryBurnRetrn
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Dr. Andrew Weil's Healthy Aging A 12-point program for aging with health.				Enjoying Wine With Mark Phillips CC			
	WHUT 32	Tony Brown	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Jazz (Part 9 of 10) CC (DVS)				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	Smallville "Solitude" CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice		Deadly Deception: Hacking		The First 48 A man is shot 12 times.		The First 48 CC		Dallas SWAT CC		Crossing Jordan CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		The Most Extreme "Poison" CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		Animal Cops San Francisco CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC	
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	Bravo	Top Chef Creating a signature dish.		The West Wing CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Want"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Conviction "Pilot" CC	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Caddyshack II" (1988) CC		Com.-Presents	Reno 911! CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park CC	Drawn Together	Chappelle's Show	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops CC	Cops CC	Hot Pursuit (N)	Hot Pursuit	Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	The Investigators		Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Heat
	Discovery	Cash Cab CC	Cash Cab CC	America's Loch Ness Monster CC		Search for the Loch Ness Monster		World's Strangest UFO Stories (N)		A Haunting CC		A Haunting "Echoes From the Grave"	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Double Dose" CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		14 Children and Pregnant Again!		Archie, the 84-lb Baby		Babies: Special Delivery		14 Children and Pregnant Again!	
	Disney	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"Get a Clue" (2002) Lindsay Lohan, Bug Hall. CC			Emperor New	Emperor New	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	10 Ways	The Simple Life	E! News (N)	E! News	Worst Red Carpet Moments		Fashion: Academy Awards		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Saturday Night Live CC	
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin.				★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin.			
	HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	My First Place	reDesign	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Design Inc. (N)	Small Space
	Family	7th Heaven "Bye" CC		Smallville "Pariah" CC		★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. CC					Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Mail Call CC	Mail Call CC	Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel		Ancient Discoveries "Nemi Ships"		Decoding the Past "Monsters"		Declassified "Ayatollah Khomeini"		Hardcore History CC	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Live Once, Die Twice" (2006, Suspense) Kellie Martin, Martin Cummins. CC				"Second to Die" (2002, Suspense) Erika Eleniak, Jerry Kroll. CC				Frasier CC	Frasier CC
	MTV	Parental Control	Parental Control	8th & Ocean	The Real World "Key West" CC		The Real World	Wild & Out	Wild & Out	Wild & Out (N)	MTV's The Shop	Parental Control	Parental Control
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Full House CC	Fresh Prince	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	The Cosby Show
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Resurrection" CC		★ "Post Impact" (2003) Dean Cain, Bettina Zimmermann, Nigel Bennett. CC				★★★ "The Day After" (1983, Drama) Jason Robards. A small town confronts the aftermath of a nuclear war. CC					
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		MXC (N)	MXC	UFC Unleashed		Pros vs. Joes	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	★ "Wild Wild West" (1999, Western) Will Smith, Kevin Kline. CC				(:10) ★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA)	
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	TNT	Charmed "P3 H20" CC		Law & Order "Grief" CC (DVS)		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers. From the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia.					NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns.		
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★ "Big Daddy" (1999) Adam Sandler. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impressionable youngster.					Law & Order: SVU
	VHI	Web Junk 20's Greatest Hits		I Love Toys		I Love Toys		I Love Toys		I Love Toys (N)		DMC: My Adoption Journey	
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:15) ★★ "A View to a Kill" (1985, Action) Roger Moore. 'PG' CC				★★ "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998, Adventure) Leonardo DiCaprio. Premiere. 'PG-13'					(:45) ★★ "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) 'PG'		
	TCM	★★ "Bad Bascomb" (1946, Western) Wallace Beery. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Western Union" (1941, Western) Robert Young. 'NR' CC				★★★ "The Spoilers" (1942) John Wayne. 'NR'			Dark Command
	HBO	50 First Dates	(:45) ★★★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. 'PG' CC				★★★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. 'PG-13' CC				16 Blocks-Look	Real Sex 23 CC	
	MAX	(5:00) Fortress	★★★ "Collateral" (2004, Suspense) Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx. 'R' CC				★★ "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'PG-13'			★★ "Another 48 HRS." (1990) Eddie Murphy. 'R' CC			Intimate Sessions
	SHOW	The Pelican Brief	★★ "I Am David" (2004, Drama) Ben Tibber. iTV. 'PG'			★★ "The Specialist" (1994) Sylvester Stallone. iTV Premiere. 'R' CC				Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	The L Word (iTV) CC	
	TMC	(:15) ★★ "Just One of the Guys" (1985, Comedy) Joyce Hyser. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Saved!" (2004) Jena Malone. 'PG-13' CC			(:45) ★ "Final Encounter" (2000, Science Fiction) Dean Cain. 'R' CC				Miner's Massacre
	STARZ!	(:15) ★★ "Mr. 3000" (2004, Comedy) Bernie Mac. 'PG-13' CC				Hwd Reporter	(:31) ★★ "Van Helsing" (2004, Fantasy) Hugh Jackman. 'PG-13' CC				(:45) ★★★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R'		
	ENCORE	★★★ "The Best Man" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Taye Diggs. 'R' CC				★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. 'R' CC				(:15) ★★ "Terminal Velocity" (1994) Charlie Sheen. 'PG-13' CC			

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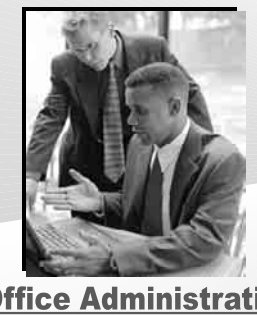

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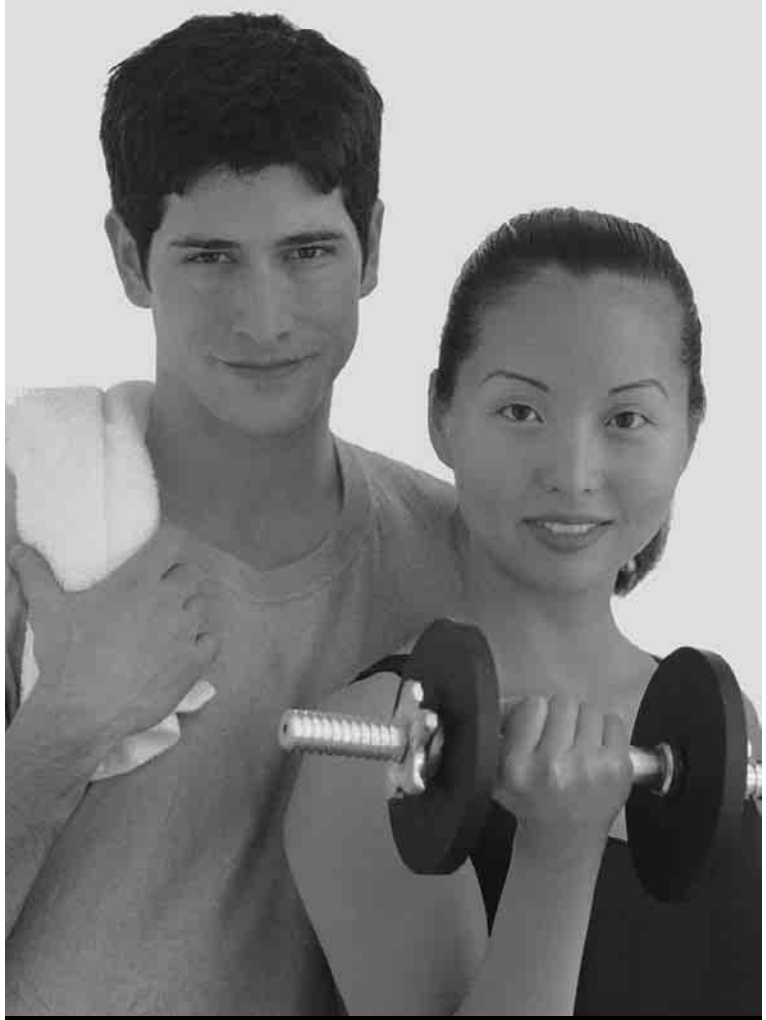

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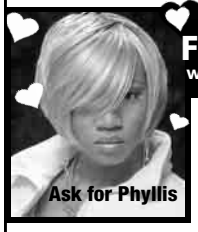

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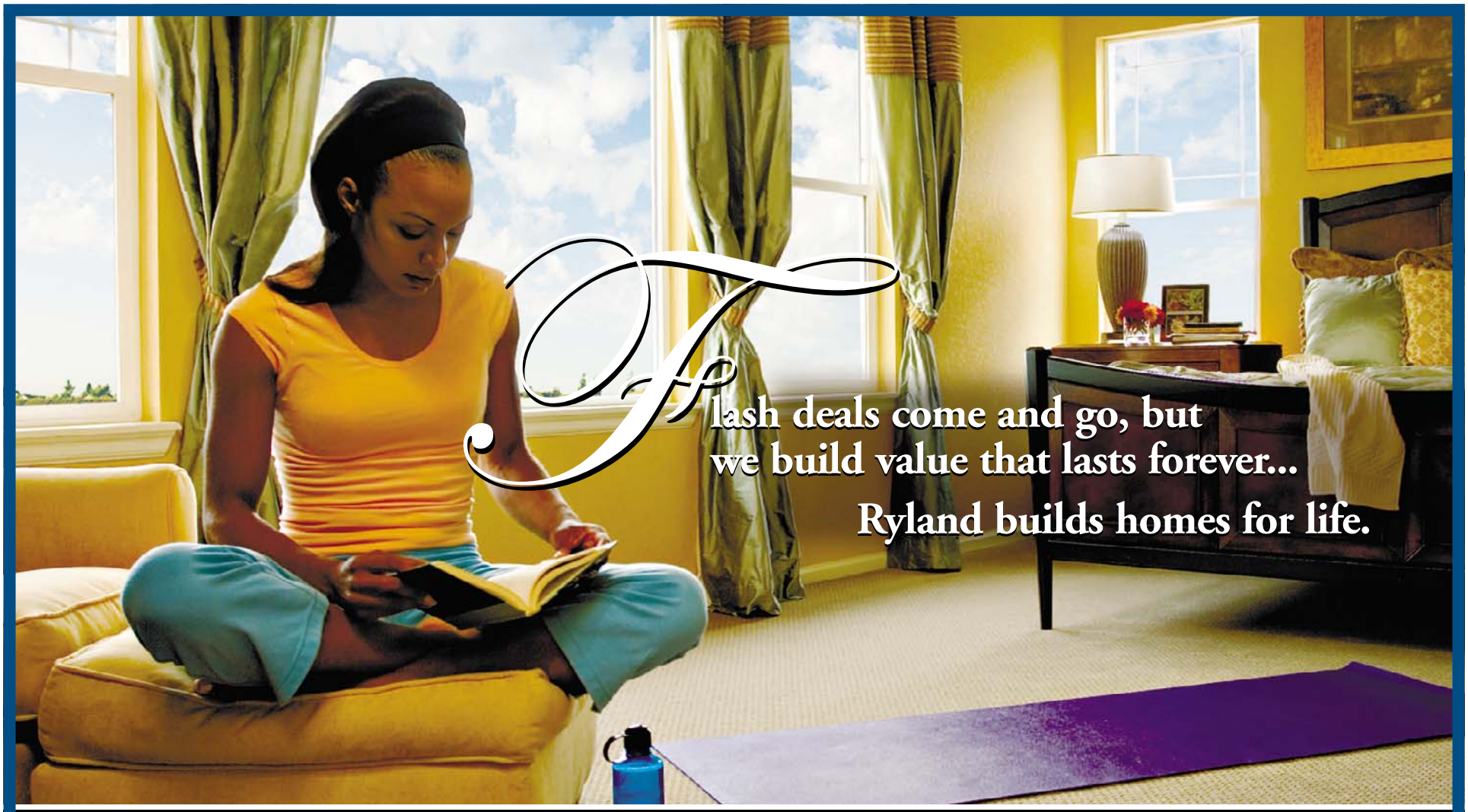

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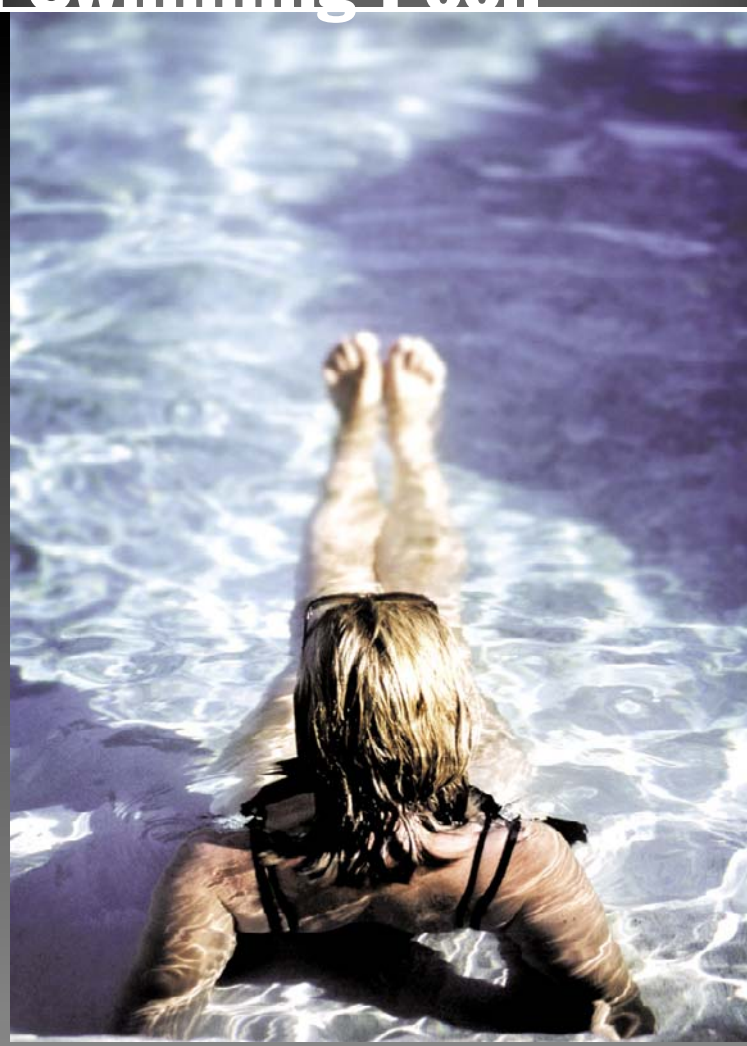

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10:00 am	**Applications of RFID in Healthcare**, speakers Mary Mosquera, Staff Writer, GCN; J. Aaron Graham, Chief Security Officer, Purdue Pharma L.P., and Paul Chang, Partner, IBM	RFID Pavilion Booth 2115
10:00 am	**DoD Business Transformation – Core Business Focus**, speakers Lisa Romney, Common Supplier Engagement, Senior Subject Matter Expert, Business Transformation Agency, Deke Smith, Chief Architect, Installations & Environment, Business Transformation Agency	DoD Pavilion Booth 1801
10:00 am	**Security Clearances 101**	GWI – Room 156
10:00 am	**DoD Enterprise Software Initiative**, speaker Chris Panaro, Special Assist. to the DoD ESI Working Group, DoD	Enterprise Pavilion Booth 2631A
10:30 am	**GSA Assisted Services**, speaker Susan Houser, Director, Office of Professional Services, GSA	GSA Room Room 150B
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1:00 pm	**Federal Certification in Contracting**: Recognizing Acquisition Professionals, speaker Gloria Sochon, Director, Federal Acquisition Institute	GSA Room Room 150A
2:00 pm	**Joint Experimentation**, speaker Derek Krein, Wireless Network Security Engineer – Joint Experimentation (J9) Wireless LAN Team US Joint Forces Command	DoD Pavilion Booth 1801
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Add real estate to the list of industries being forever changed by the Internet.

Home listings — once printed out in books available only to real estate agents — are obtainable to everyone online, accompanied by increasingly sophisticated photographs and virtual tours. Now, a growing number of online services are also cropping up to help people do things like judge house prices, survey neighborhoods and evaluate school districts, long before they ever snap the seat belt in their agents' cars.

With the nation's housing boom expected to cool in some areas, experts say, such offerings will only increase. And ultimately, the fact that consumers on their own have more power than ever to do some of the work of real estate agents could even help further drive down agents' commissions. Many also expect online tools for house-hunters to become more creative and sophisticated.

"The full impact of the Internet has not been realized, primarily because business has been going up each year," said Steve Murray, editor of the magazine Real Trends.

Already, the industry is dramatically different than it was a decade ago.

Besides viewing listings online, Bolanos now regularly visits Zillow.com, a new Web site that provides quick, anonymous estimates of home values based on county records and other data. Although the site, which is in test form, isn't always completely accurate, Bolanos said it gives her a good barometer for judging a home's worth.

Less than a month old, the advertising-supported site already has become fodder for office gossip and dinner party chatter, in part because it gives people a voyeuristic look at what their friends and neighbors might be able to get for their homes.

The company's chief executive, Rich Barton, said his goal is to give people information that can improve their position when they sit down with a real estate agent or consider bidding on a house.

"My motivation, I guess, is kind of power to the people," Barton said.

He acknowledges that the site still has a few kinks, but he said the company is constantly working to improve the accuracy by adding more data. There are also plans to improve tools that let people change out-of-date information that might affect valuations — such as an added bathroom or bedroom that isn't in official records, or an extensive kitchen remodel that might boost a home's value.

But some in the industry say they still believe buying a home is complicated and valuable enough to require a Realtor's assistance.

"This is a professionally assisted transaction," Ian Morris, chief executive of HouseValues, said.

ALLISON LINN (AP)

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LOOK out

Big Apple's Heavy Pedal

Transportation

New York struggles with how to regulate surge in bike-cabs

Bicycle taxis are weaving through the clogged streets of New York in a movement growing so rapidly that the city is proposing regulations before it spins out of control.

Known as pedicabs, these vehicles look like giant tricycles with a passenger carriage in the back. Some tourists and New Yorkers see them as an affordable, pollution-free way to see the city and sail through gridlock.

The City Council is examining whether this burgeoning fad needs safety and insurance standards and rate regulations.

Pedicabs have rolled into many U.S. cities, including Denver, Boston, Houston and San Diego, often swarming stadium parking lots during major concerts and sporting events.

A number of cities are considering regulations or have already adopted them. Las Vegas banned pedicabs from the Strip as a danger to both riders and pedestrians.

Last week, two British tourists said they felt totally safe on their ride through Central Park. "I was a bit skeptical," said Emma Carter, after they hopped out. "But it was great. A fun experience."

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Officials worry that, as pedicabs multiply, insurance and fare problems will arise.

Pedicabs began arriving in New York a decade ago, when entrepreneurs tried to market the novelty to tourists sightseeing near the World Trade Center and Battery Park.

Pedicab drivers soon discovered that midtown is paradise. They pluck passengers from the throngs of tourists and pick up commuters who want to get across town at rush hour or after a Broadway show.

"I always ask my passengers whether they have taken a pedicab before, and quite often their reply is 'All the time — it's faster than a car,'" said Craig Molino, a pedicab driver for five years.

Officials estimate there are now 300 pedicabs on the streets of New York. Main Street Pedicabs, a supplier, has been sending the vehicles here by the truckload, owner Stephen Meyer said.

But pedicabs are not regulated. There are no restrictions on fares, and officials estimate that half the pedicabs are not insured.

"It is disconcerting that New Yorkers and tourists are riding in these devices without oversight in place," said Iris Weinshall, New York's transportation commissioner. SARA KUGLER (AP)

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Get Naked

File UNDER Fad

After a holiday season filled with dark smoky eyes and deep ruby lips, spring ushers in a refreshingly clean and classic new palette. Expect cosmetic counters to be filled with lots of nudes. This lighter approach to color is also the perfect complement to the feminine cuts and delicate fabrics that dominated the spring runways. Wearing so little never looked this good.

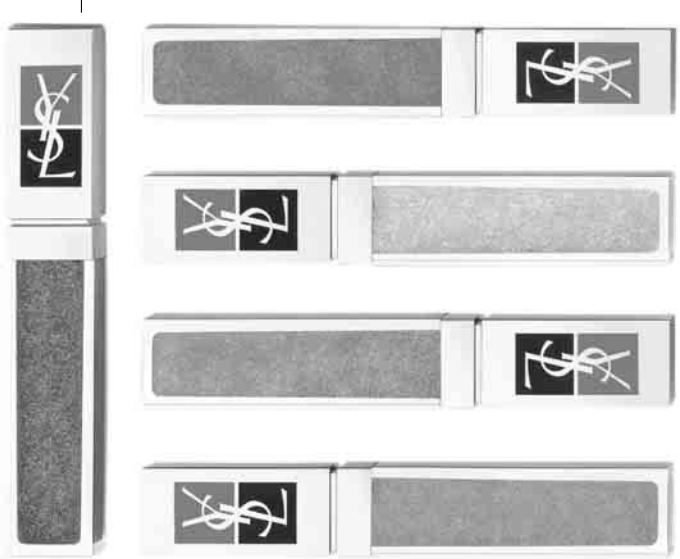
ELYCIA RUBIN (FASHION WIRE DAILY)

LASH OUT: The thickening and lengthening power of Yves Saint Laurent Effet Faux Cils in Black is all you need for fresh-looking eyes. It uses three "films" for all-over glamour. ($22, Neiman Marcus)

GOLDEN GIRL: Dab on Yves Saint Laurent Golden Gloss to give lips a subtle mirror-like sheen — this formulation contains actual gold (.2 percent 24k)! ($25.50, Neiman Marcus)

BARELY THERE: Dust i.d. Bare Escentuals Mineral Veil powder all over to even out skin tone. The minerals purportedly won't bother sensitive skin that rebels against the chemicals in conventional makeup. ($33, bareescentualsqvc.com)

BLUSHING BEAUTY: Nars Blush in Nico is a very sheer, almost transparent blush that gives an all-over hint of color. It won't suit the ultra-pale girl, but if you already have a touch (or more) of color, it'll add that little something. You'll have a glow, but you won't look made-up. ($25, Nordstrom)



Clothing

Dry Clean No More

The **STAFFORD SUIT** (jacket, $200; pants, $100, only at JCPenney) can be washed and dried at home without falling apart. The crease-resistant suit is made of a wool/polyester/Lycra blend, which supposedly allows the fabric to stand up to conventional laundering as well as or better than dry-cleaning. The look won't win points for originality, but a classic suit that can take a tumble is worth sacrificing style points. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Batting a Thousand

Tired of tugging on your lashes with an eyelash curler? While **REVLON'S LUXURIOUS LENGTHS MASCARA** ($7) won't quite impel you to throw out the curler, it does boast a specially designed brush that gives lashes a little more lift. The curved side curls and separates lashes; use the flat side to apply color. Amazingly, this meeting of yin and yang does what it promises and more — the teeny bristles on the flat side also prevent clumping, even if you pile on the coats. Lashes are also softer than with a lot of mascaras, helping you avoid the spider-leg look. K.P.K.

Look out | Voices

Barry Manilow | Writing the Songs

BARRY MANILOW was online Wednesday to talk about his latest hit album, his Vegas show, and his upcoming PBS special | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

With the recent success of "The Greatest Songs of the Fifties" CD, will you ever consider going back on the road?

I'm assigned to the Las Vegas Hilton for a couple of years but that doesn't mean I might not sneak away for a weekend here and there, so be on the lookout.

On the "Fifties" album, are you trying to sound just like the originals or are you doing a new version that's more yours?

It's a challenge. I can't go too far away from the originals but I need to put myself in the songs, so I'm walking a thin line.

Who designs your clothes for the Vegas shows?

A gal named Leslie Hamil who is the daughter of Suzanne Somers.

Do you have any feelings about the pimp song winning the Academy Award this year?

I think Henry Mancini is turning over in his grave.

What do you think of the "American Idol" craze? Are you hooked too? Do you think that kids should be trying to gain stardom in that fashion or take a slower or more traditional route?

I fear for those kids on "American Idol." I fear they're becoming extremely popular too quickly. I feel that they don't get to pay their dues and within months they end up in front of thousands of people. It can really throw you for a loop when you're that young. I'm doing "Idol" in a couple of weeks. Last time I kind of coached them and gave them arrangements and then I judged them and then sang and I'll be doing all of that again.

How do you prepare for and find the energy and passion you put into your Vegas show?

The audiences do it for me. Standing in front of this crackerjack band is like singing in front of a Mack truck — you have to be dead not to be excited.

I was in a karaoke bar recently where a guy did a great version of "Could It Be Magic." So, I wonder ... if you could have any other artist record your music, who would it be?

The Basement Jaxx or James Blunt.

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>
> **BARRY MANILOW**
> ON THE EFFECT OF "AMERICAN IDOL" ON THE SHOW'S YOUNG SINGERS

I have your album on steady rotation right now. But out of curiosity, what are you listening to now? Anything I should keep my ears out for?

Wait a minute. Let me go through my stuff here. The new Ramsey Lewis album. Michael McDonald's "Blue Obsession." The James Blunt album. A guy named Devon Niko and Jason Mraz.

What is your favorite "slow" song of yours?

"Somewhere Down the Road."

➜ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Gerald Nestadt, professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, fields questions and comments about postpartum obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

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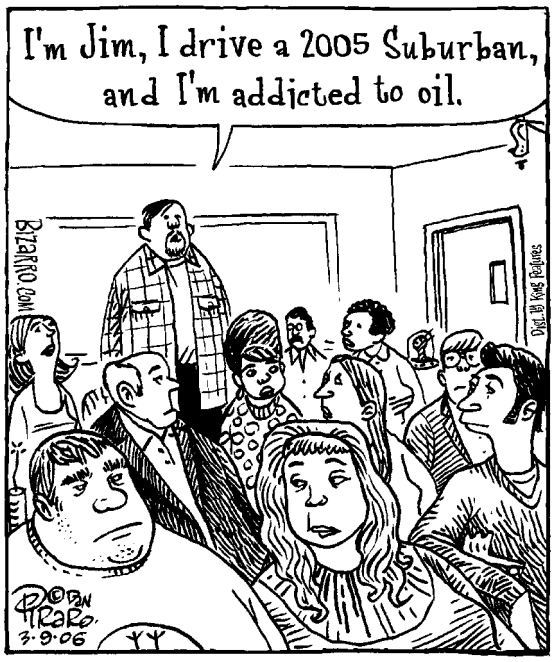

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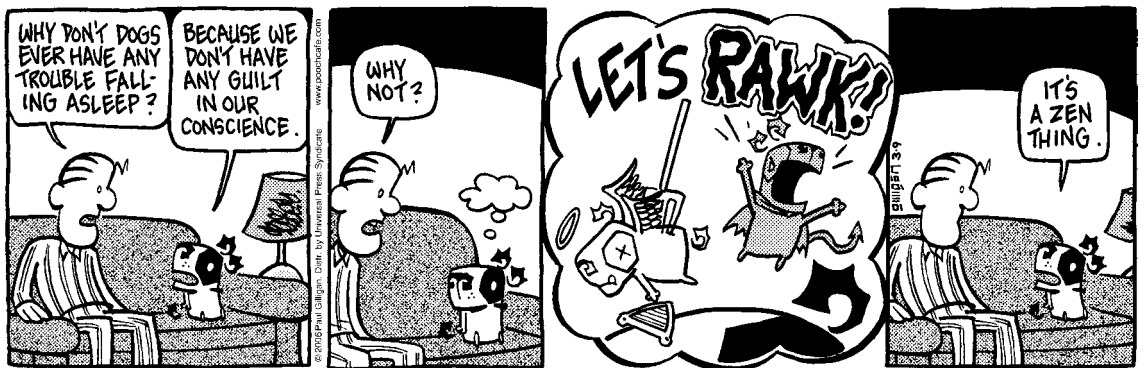
The voice of reason makes an obscene phone call.

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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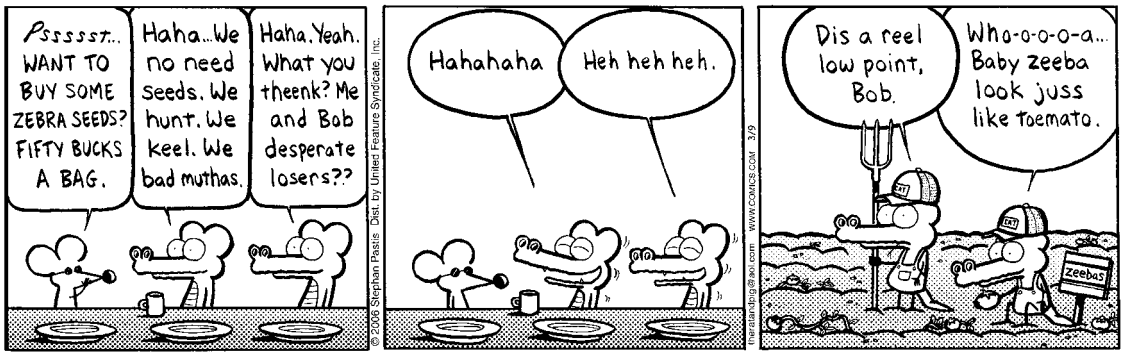

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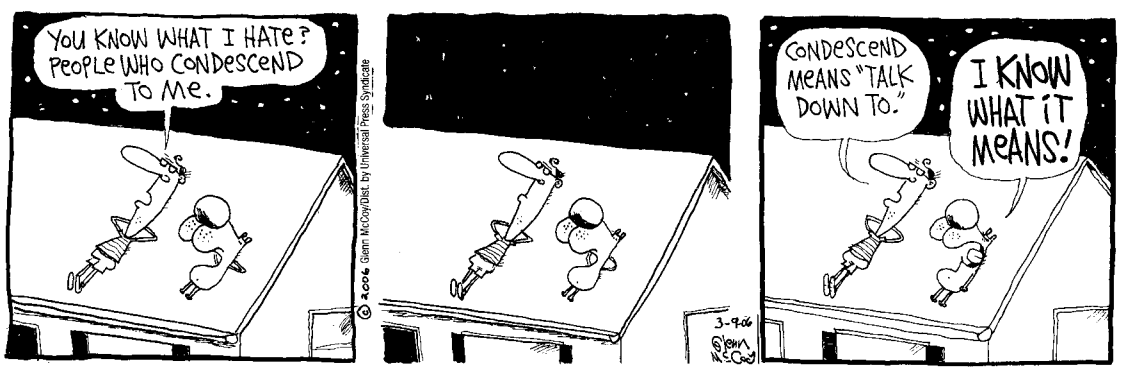

LOOK* out

JUICED UP

"... Barry Bonds has turned the sweet smells of freshly cut grass, pine tar and camaraderie to that of syringes [and] lies ..."

GETOFFUS.COM/SHOOTINIT ON A NEW BOOK THAT DETAILS BASEBALL'S BARRY BOND'S ALLEGED STEROID USE OVER THE YEARS.

THE Blog LOG

CAFFEINE RUSH

"... [I]n moderation, it's OK, but in large quantities, it's bad. Sounds like just about everything else that's consumable."

AMETHYSTMUSINGS.LIVEJOURNAL.COM CITES A NEW STUDY THAT SAYS DRINKING COFFEE CAUSES AN INCREASED HEART ATTACK RISK IN THOSE WHO HAVE CERTAIN GENES.

A PAWN OF THE MLB

"Major League Baseball are a bunch of money-grubbers. But I want baseball ..."

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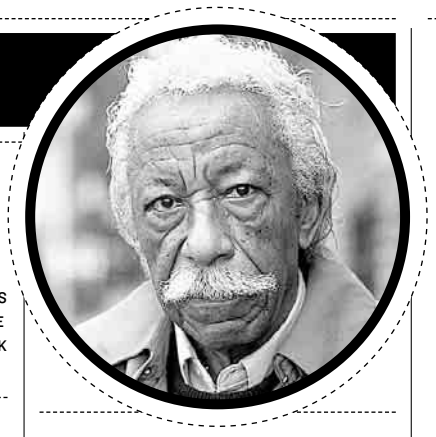

PUMPING IRON

"The guess here is that buffing up has little to do with trying to appear more manly — he could achieve that [if he'd throw] out his stuffed animals and stop befriending little boys."

THESUPERFICIAL.COM ON A REPORT THAT MICHAEL JACKSON, LIVING IN BAHRAIN, IS APPARENTLY DOING 300 SIT-UPS A DAY AND LIFTING WEIGHTS IN ORDER TO GET BUFF.

IN MEMORIAM

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll want to do things the natural way, avoiding all manner of things that seem forced or synthetic. Internal rhythms slow down some.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to be much busier than expected, particularly when a family need arises that only you can satisfy in full.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've taken on perhaps a bit too much responsibility right now, and make an important decision and let something go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Giving is more satisfying than receiving — but if you play your cards right things should come back to you in equal measure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may be that you have something to prove after all, and you can step forward and say and do exactly what is required of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's time to admit that you may not have all the answers; once you do, you're likely to learn more than expected about yourself and others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This may prove a quiet, yet memorable day, as you mull over the past and realize something that will prove important almost immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be giving someone hope about a future endeavor that is based entirely on speculation and instinct. Study the facts a little more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Concentrate on safety and security in and around the home; leave little room for errors or accidents at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone may be counting on you to do something that is, in all honesty, out of your realm of experience. With luck you can succeed, however.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to take over the decision-making process at work for a while. You may be able to improve morale and get better results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll like the results you get when you buckle down and concentrate with renewed energy and ambition. Turn up the heat.

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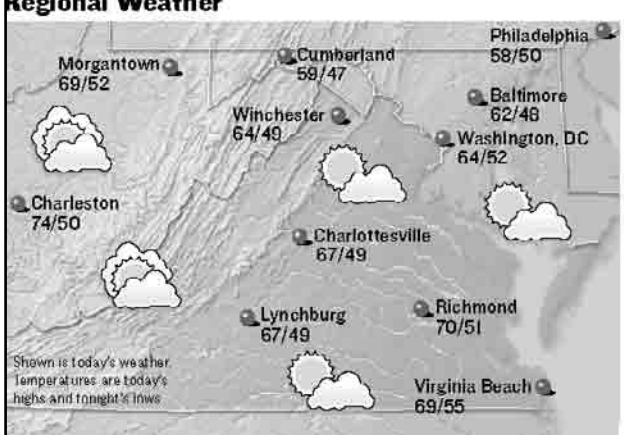

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

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Average humidity	42%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.03"
Normal month to date	0.92"
Year to date	5.74"
Last year to date	5.60"
Normal year to date	6.76"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, a shower early, then becoming partly sunny, warmer. High 64. Wind southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, mild. Low 52.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:09 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:04 p.m.
Moonset today	3:58 a.m.

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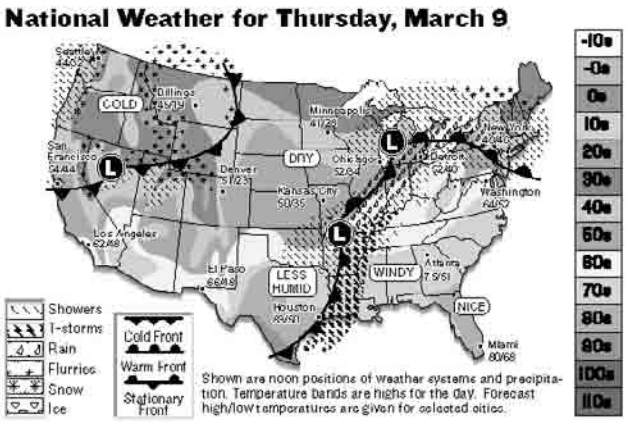

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Atlanta	75/51/pc	69/55/pc
Boston	46/40/r	61/43/c
Chicago	52/34/r	50/34/pc
Dallas	74/48/pc	80/58/s
Denver	51/23/c	46/20/r
Honolulu	82/70/pc	82/69/pc
Los Angeles	62/48/pc	58/46/sh
Miami	80/68/s	82/70/s
New York City	48/46/sh	63/46/c
Orlando	82/60/s	86/62/s
Seattle	44/32/sh	44/32/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	46/39/r	44/28/sh
Athens	51/46/pc	57/50/c
Berlin	36/24/c	34/22/c
Buenos Aires	77/63/s	74/66/s
Calgary	34/18/sf	25/7/c
Dublin	51/41/r	47/41/sh
Geneva	43/37/r	44/35/r
Moscow	16/10/c	19/6/c
Rome	56/45/sh	58/44/r
Sydney	84/68/s	82/68/s
Tokyo	57/45/pc	52/43/r

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Look out | People

AP

Ritter is a promising young artist.

AWARDS

Son of Ritter Makes Good

JASON RITTER, son of the late John Ritter, has been presented with the Martin E. Segal Award for outstanding achievement by Lincoln Center. The awards, given annually to two rising young artists, were presented Monday. Ritter, 26, made his Lincoln Center debut in Wendy Wasserstein's "Third" last November. (AP)

WHATEVER

Beware Close-Range Paris

A Los Angeles court has signed off on an unusual restraining order against **PARIS HILTON**, ordering her to stay at least 100 yards away from an event producer — unless they're at a party together, in which case "the stay-away distance may be shortened to 25 feet." (AP)

MARK MAINZ/GETTY IMAGES

SECRETS

Teri Tells of Abuse

TERI HATCHER says in the upcoming issue of Vanity Fair that her uncle sexually molested her 35 years ago. The 41-year-old actress says she learned in 2002 that a 14-year-old victim of her uncle had committed suicide. Concerned he would escape charges of molestation, Hatcher approached the prosecutors. After she came forward, her uncle pleaded guilty to four counts of child molestation in the case of the 14-year-old victim. (AP)

BARGAINS

Shame Was Punishment Enough

We prefer Boy George in his full regalia.

BOY GEORGE agreed Wednesday to enter a drug rehabilitation program and perform community service to resolve his arrest last year on a cocaine charge. He entered his guilty plea to third-degree false reporting of an incident in Manhattan Criminal Court. Under the deal, George will enter a drug program in England and perform five days of community service in Manhattan. He will pay a $1,000 fine. (AP)

COUNTRY

Y'all Get Some Awards Now

BRAD PAISLEY led the list of nominees for the 41st Annual Academy of Country Music Awards with six nominations, including top male vocalist of the year. Brooks & Dunn and Sugarland received five nominations each, while Rascal Flatts and Carrie Underwood, had four apiece. (AP)

DIPLOMACY

A Hot Blonde With Willing Smackers: The Future of Peace

Note: She'll kiss "just about anybody," not "just anybody."

SHARON STONE is ready to do her part for Mideast peace: The actress said Wednesday she "would kiss just about anybody" to end the Israel-Arab conflict. She arrived in Israel on Tuesday for a five-day trip sponsored by the Peres Center for Peace, founded by Nobel Peace laureate Shimon Peres in 1996 to improve relations with Arabs. (AP)

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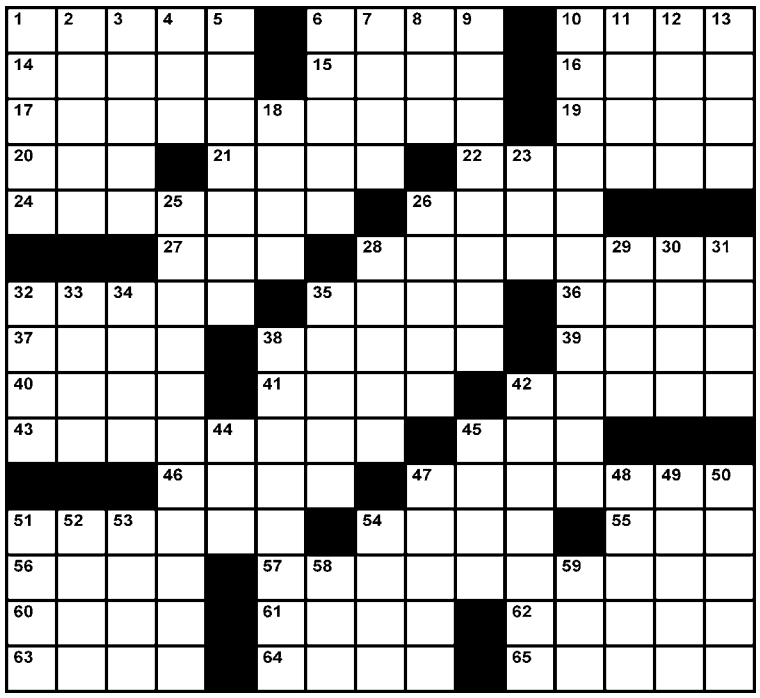

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10 Ritzy
14 Be gaga over
15 Flying stunt
16 Mae West's "___ Angel"
17 Setting for a Disneyland attraction
19 Road to Damascus figure, later
20 One of the Cyclades
21 Slangy switch addition
22 Physicist's study
24 Greg Brady, to Carol
26 Antony of antiquity
27 "___ alive!"
28 "As You Like It" character
32 Small excavators
35 Gainer, for one
36 Hairy one of the Bible
37 Jai follower
38 Like wartime messages
39 Objectives
40 Advertising sign element, perhaps
41 Prepares for planting, in a way
42 Atlas detail, perhaps
43 Questionable remedies
45 It may be worth 11 points
46 Red-___ (franks)
47 Saddle attachment
51 Lyricist Hart
54 In vogue
55 Walk all over, e.g.
56 Father of Fear and Panic
57 Gas stove feature
60 Mild partner
61 Shakespeare's river
62 Glowing coal, e.g.
63 Good wine quality
64 Half of an infamous dual personality
65 "Heidi" author Johanna

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2 Featherbrain
3 Early settlers of Iceland
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6 "Maximus to Gloucester" poet Charles
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12 Comfortable and cozy
13 Sacred
18 Greek god of love
23 Gun owner's org
25 An illusory promise, metaphorically
26 Has a change of address
28 Hitches successfully
29 Horned goddess
30 Implicate
31 Composition of some clouds
32 "Buddenbrooks" novelist
33 A toast topper
34 Vietnam neighbor
35 Destines to a tragic fate
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42 Frozen spikes
44 Wood of the Stones
45 Busily working
47 Exhibited brilliance
48 Sport since 1823
49 One at the wedding, perhaps
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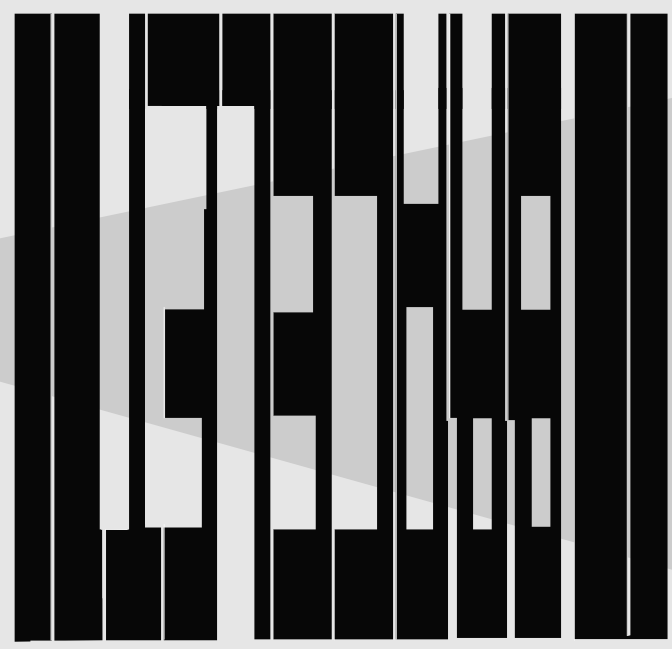

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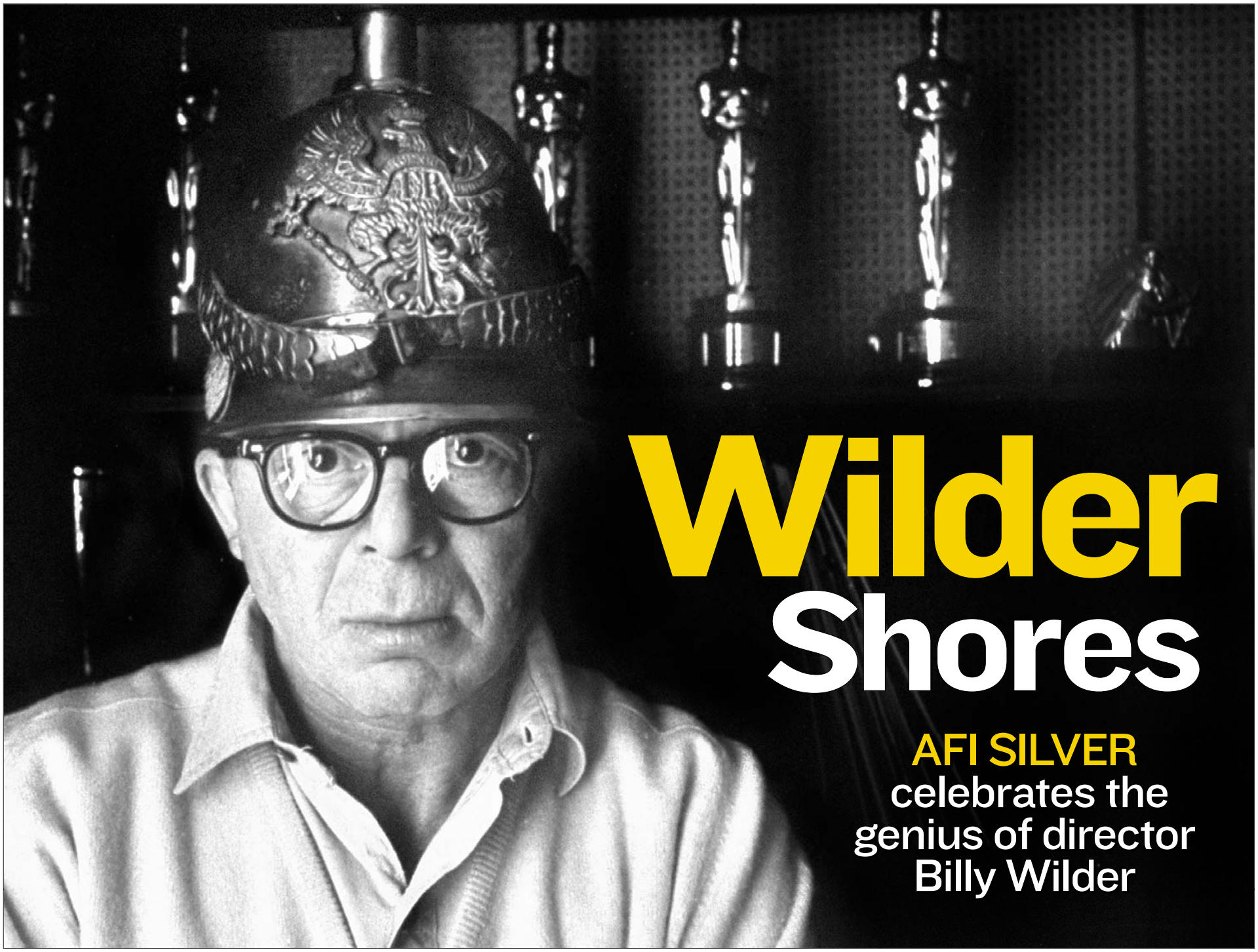

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NAME: Naomi Iizuka
GIG: Playwright, author of "Citizen 13559: The Journal of Ben Uchida"

AMERICAN CITIZENS locked up in camps, an ethnic group demonized, civil liberties in jeopardy. For many Japanese-Americans, placed in California internment camps during World War II for reasons of "national security," this situation is painfully familiar. Iizuka's play, adapted from a book by Barry Denenberg, views one such camp through the eyes of a 10-year-old boy as he learns about life, family and identity.

What prompted you to write the play?
The Kennedy Center asked me to adapt it. I was really excited by this in large part because of what was going on in the country at the time and what's still going on.

Talk about the story.
The story is focused on the family. It's about a father and a son and it's also about a young man and his future. This young man grew up during a very specific circumstance, but there is this very universal story: How do you grow up, how do you experience these tragedies and come out wiser and stronger?

Do you have a personal connection to the material?
I'm half Japanese — my father is from Japan, so it's a slightly different relationship to the material. But I had done a lot of research over the years.

Do you think that the internment of Japanese-Americans is fading from American memory?
I think what happened was after the war, Japanese-Americans didn't talk about the internment camps as a group, I think understandably — there was so much pain and a desire to move forward and it was confusing, because they felt dishonored by their own country.

But then, I think it could be in the national memory much more. It's a really tragic and outrageous chapter in civil liberties in America.

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STAGE LEFT: D.C. native Iizuka runs the playwriting program at UC-Santa Barbara.

Do you think that something like this could happen again?
I think at the time of World War II there were many well-meaning Americans who supported the internment camps and, in retrospect, we say, "How could anyone possibly have supported this?" but people in our government make it seem possible to do so.

Will children be able to equate what they're seeing onstage and what they see on the news?
I think they will, because I think there's been such a clear issue of fairness and justice. I think young people maybe even more might spot those parallels very quickly.

> "It could be in the national memory much more. It's a really tragic chapter in civil liberties."

The theme seems universal, beyond issues of race and culture.
I think the play is about memory and about how you remember. That's a theme I'm fascinated by — what you purposely forget, what you unintentionally forget and how you make your way back to some essential truth. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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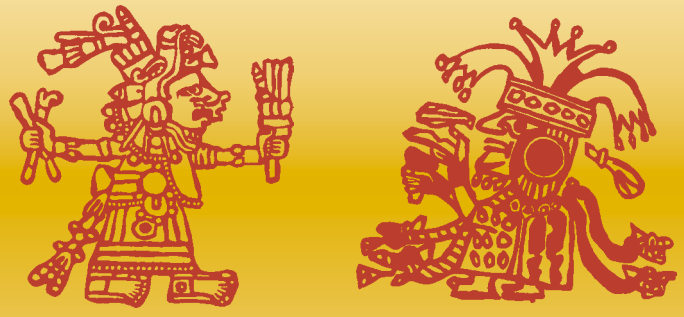

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BE SOMEBODY: Philadelphia roots-rockers Marah bend rock critics to their will, but the public has powers of resistance.

Rock 'n' Roll Rarities

Marah should be famous, but a small scale is fine by fans

MUSIC | If someone could find the magic bean that plucks a band from relative obscurity and provides it with the trappings of mainstream success, he could make a bundle. Is non-stop touring the answer? Cultivating grassroots support? A helping hand from insiders?

Be thankful, through, that you can still see Philly roots-rockers Marah at a cozy venue like Iota, where they're playing on Sunday. Championed for nearly a decade by influential artists such as Bruce Springsteen and Steve Earle, and fawned over by rock-crit intelligentsia like David Fricke and Nick Hornby, Marah has no shortage of powerful friends. Even horror mastermind Stephen King counts them as "the best rock band that nobody knows."

Led by fractious brothers Dave and Serge Bielanko, it's easy to see why heavyweight fans have lined up behind Marah. The band brings a refreshingly laid-back approach to its music. The brothers strip rock music down to its essential elements and supply heaping doses of boisterous country-rock tunes and unhurried, gut-wrenching numbers.

Marah's fifth and latest LP, "If You Didn't Laugh You'd Cry," may be its best.

Recorded live in the studio for a magnificent unbuttoned effect, the group finally distilled the fervent spirit of its intimate gigs onto an album.

Perhaps not hip enough for the indie kids and lacking the narrow sound rock radio looks for, the group still makes endless trips around the country performing to its faithful fan base. PETER DENTON

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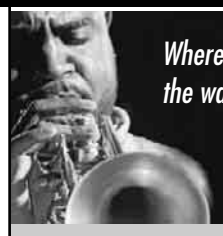

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japanese master

MIKIO NARUSE

Revered in Japan alongside the work of such masters as Akira Kurosawa, Yasujiro Ozu, and Kenji Mizoguchi, the films of Mikio Naruse (1905–1969) are at last again available to Western audiences in a collaboration among the AFI Silver Theatre, the Freer Gallery of Art, and the National Gallery of Art. Even though he directed the first Japanese sound film to find distribution in the United States (*Wife, Be Like a Rose!* 1935), Naruse remained largely unknown here throughout the sustained peak of his lengthy career. Despite championing by critics such as Susan Sontag, Phillip Lopate, and Donald Richie, it has been some twenty years since the last Naruse retrospective was held in this country.

Raised in poverty, Naruse became a director only after a long, trying apprenticeship. He specialized in *shomin-geki,* contemporary dramas about the poor and lower-middle classes. Naruse has been compared stylistically to his close friend Ozu and was drawn, like Mizoguchi, to stories focusing on women, but his films are tougher, edgier, and more modern than either. Kurosawa, Naruse's one-time assistant and great admirer, compared his film style to "a great river with a calm surface and a raging current in its depths."

Thanks to James Quandt, Cinematheque Ontario, the Japan Foundation, and Toho Co., Ltd., for making this touring retrospective possible. Special thanks go to Sarah Finklea, Janus Films.

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MAN WITH THE JAUNDICED EYE: From cynical domestic comedies like "The Seven-Year Itch," top, to bitter takes on Hollywood in "Sunset Boulevard," Wilder never lied to his audience.

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GOING OUT WITH A BANG: Perhaps Wilder's best-known comedy, "Some Like It Hot," 1959, boasted a stellar cast (including Tony Curtis, Marilyn Monroe and Jack Lemmon) and one of the zingiest last lines in all filmdom.

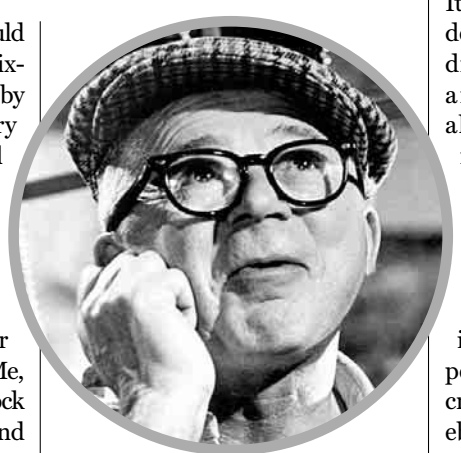
America In Black & White

Director Billy Wilder put this country's view of itself onscreen

FILM | "Any first cut of a picture makes you feel suicidal. It's just the worst moment of your life," said Billy Wilder in a 1978 interview with George Stevens Jr., which is printed in the giant new book "Conversations With the Great Moviemakers of Hollywood's Golden Age at the American Film Institute."

The funny thing is that Wilder was talking about "Some Like It Hot," a film that the AFI voted the No. 14 American film of all time as well as the best comedy ever. The 1959 classic starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon was written, directed and produced by Wilder, who would have turned 100 this year. The six-time Oscar winner will be feted by the AFI and the National Gallery of Art with a slew of centennial screenings. In addition to "Some Like It Hot," the movies include "The Major and the Minor," "One Two Three," "The Seven Year Itch," "Double Indemnity," "The Lost Weekend," "The Emperor Waltz," "The Apartment," "Kiss Me, Stupid," "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes," "Sunset Boulevard" and "Fedora."

Stevens is an award-winning director, writer, producer and the founder of the American Film Institute, and he joins NPR's Lianne Hansen to discuss Wilder on March 12 at 3:10 p.m. at AFI. The conversation and book signing will accompany a showing of "Some Like It Hot" — Stevens' own favorite Wilder movie. "I think it stands the test of time," he said in a phone interview. "Every time I see 'Some Like It Hot' I have a good time."



The great director in thinking mode.

You can tell that Stevens also had a good time talking with Wilder; the book's interview is filled with one bon mot after another from the cantankerously comical director. "He was always working on the joke," Stevens said. "If you were sitting with him after dinner, he was really entertaining. He was acerbic, cynical and very funny."

But it's not just comedies like "The Apartment," "The Seven Year Itch" and "Kiss Me, Stupid" that define Wilder's oeuvre; his dark dramas like "Sunset Boulevard" and "Double Indemnity" are all-time classics as well. "This retrospective can expand the understating of Billy as a great dramatic filmmaker, not just a comedic director and writer," Stevens said. Throw in the AFI's gorgeous screens displaying restored prints and even the pessimistic Wilder would have to crack a smile at this birthday celebration. CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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Angelique Kidjo has worked and toured with Dave Matthews and Macy Gray.

Angelique Kidjo: You Must Speak French

World-music diva Angelique Kidjo is in D.C. as part of the Francophonie 2006 Festival going on through next month. The beauty from Benin by way of Paris makes the world a smaller place with her French-African-jazz vocalese.

GWU, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Sat., 7:30 p.m.; $20-$35; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom - GWU)

DAR's Cabinet of Wonders: Absolutely Ooky

Get a load of something weird at Constitution Hall this weekend as the DAR Museum showcases "Obsolete, Odd and Absolutely Ooky Stuff" from America's past. Did folks really drink from glass wiener-dogs while wearing human-hair jewelry? That must be unsanitary.

DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; begins Fri., through Sept. 2; 202-628-1776.

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SLICES OF LIFE AND NATURE: In Hokusai's masterful hands, a mountain could flow like a wave, and a wave — or a print of one — could live as long as a mountain.

The Natural World

Hokusai's paintings showed the West the fine art of modernism

MUSEUMS | In order to market something properly you need a catchy name. Maybe that's why Hokusai's legendary wood-block print showing Mount Fuji overlooking a turbulent ocean that's enveloping a small boat is commonly known as "The Great Wave." Because "Beneath the Wave Off the Coast of Kanagawa," from the series "Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji," just wouldn't work if you wanted to sell pants, posters and clocks featuring the image.

But just because Hokusai's masterwork has been reduced to a dorm-room trinket, don't think that it's not powerful in person — even if it's much smaller than you might think, not much bigger than your average placemat.

You can see "The Great Wave" at a great new exhibition at the Sackler Gallery that pulls together more than 180 prints, paintings, drawings and manga books, along with 41 paintings from the Freer Gallery, which already has the largest collection of Hokusai brushwork in the world.

By 1890, Hokusai (1760–1849) was regarded in the West as a model for modern art, and even today you can feel his influence on everything from comic books to graphic design. The Sackler exhibition is divided into two halves: the first highlights Hokusai's various print and book work, from his childhood to his final years; the second spotlights his paintings, folding screens and a 47-foot-long hand scroll.

He was a master from a young age, but Hokusai was also a man who got better as he went along — and he knew it, too, calling himself Gakyo Rojin (Old Man Mad About Painting).

As one legend in the Sackler reads, "... [Hokusai's] long life ended in his ninetieth year as he prayed for time to make his art transcendent." As this exhibition shows, he didn't need the help. CHRISTOPHER PORTER

➜ *Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Avenue SW; through May 14; 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)*

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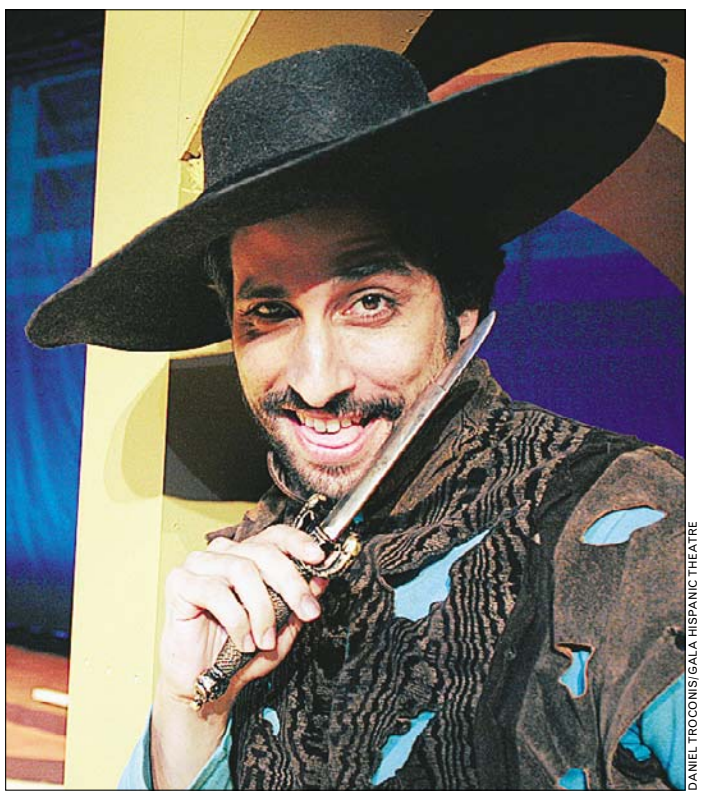

DANIEL TROCONIS/GALA HISPANIC THEATRE

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT TO PARTY: Apparently, it really is hard out there for a pimp, and it always was. In GALA-Tivoli's Spanish-language production (with English subtitles), "El Rufian Castrucho," a 16th-century Spanish procurer takes his ladies to Italy, where the soldier trade is hopping.

Making Fun of News

Rob Corddry of 'The Daily Show' has too many d's in his name

OUT & ABOUT | They say young people these days get all their news from "The Daily Show."

If this is true, they should come out in droves to hear one of their beloved soothsayers, correspondent Rob Corddry, who appears at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue on Saturday. Corddry will discuss the "Daily Show" phenomenon, using show clips and taking questions from the audience.

Corddry is the go-to guy when the vice president shoots someone in the face. As Vice Presidential Firearms Mishap Analyst, he supported Cheney's decision to make "the world a better place spreading buckshot throughout the entire region of [Harry] Whittington's face."

He also has a vulnerable side, lamenting his frustrations with women or his family's disappointment. But the Red Sox fan couldn't contain his glee at their 2004 World Series victory ... even as he reported on Yasser Arafat's impending demise.

Usually, however, he's devilish in his ability to mock his subjects. He likely got the practice from tormenting his younger brother, Nate, who recently joined the show as a contributor. The two faced off in a "Brother vs. Brother" segment that is sure to be recurring. ERIN TROMPETER

COMEDY CENTRAL

Corddry is the most vulnerably human in the "Daily Show" Ivy League frat.

➜ *6th & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. N.W.; Sat., 8 p.m., $12 in advance, $20 at the door; 202-408-3100; www.sixthandi.org. (Gallery Pl-Chinatown)*

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Sea of Changes

Pay close attention to the dreamy rock of A Northern Chorus

MUSIC | The music of Canadian drift-rock outfit A Northern Chorus is a lot like the tide: It ebbs and flows, it waxes and wanes, it builds into waves that grow and crash through everything else. It's influenced by seemingly mystical, powerful forces. It also takes a long time to get where it's going.

There's no doubt that ANC, playing Galaxy Hut with Lejeune this Saturday, knows how to put together intricate music. Its second full album, "Bitter Hands Resign," is a gentle blend of the experimentation of Sigur Ros with a touch of Radiohead. The album utilizes a delicate combination of ample orchestration, dreamy harmonies and, one assumes, painstaking attention spent on tempo control.

The result is gushing, elegant song structures that, while crafted with grace, can struggle to keep the listener interested.

This is the short-attention span generation — just look at the paper you're reading now — but there has also been recent backlash against the two-minute, one-riff outputs that some bands on the indie scene have resorted to. Still, when a majority of a band's songs are more than six minutes long, it risks being labeled mood music or aural wallpaper — those who aren't willing to devote a few minutes to simply getting through a song's intro aren't likely to have the patience for what follows it.

Others will find that ANC's music lingers in orchestrated tension and thrives — and excels — in feeling timeless. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

ROMAN SOKOL

THE AIR UP THERE: ANC doesn't rush or amplify its carefully crafted melodies.

➜ *Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Lejeune, Sat., 9:45 p.m., $5; 703-525-8646. (Clarendon)*

One 'Ring' to Bind Them

The Goethe-Institut celebrates the WNO's upcoming 'Ring' cycle

MUSEUMS | As part of the build-up to the Washington National Opera's Americanized production of Wagner's "Ring" cycle, based on mythically weighted and psychologically fraught Middle Ages mythology, the Goethe-Institut weighs in with some very fine programs.

On Thursday at 5 p.m., music professor Saul Lilienstein, former director of the Handel Choir of Baltimore and artistic director and conductor of the Harford Opera Theater and Baltimore's Operetta Renaissance, lectures on "The Beginning and the End of the World: A Comparative Study."

If that doesn't sound portentous enough, check in on any of the next three Mondays for screenings of the Fritz Lang silent film "Kriemhild's Revenge" (1924) or the 1966 epic movie version of "Siegfried" by Harald Reinl.

The Institut is also displaying rarely seen costume and stage-design sketches for "Das Rheingold" and "Die Walküre." Alas, this part of the Wagner-fest comes down after Friday. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

ANITA

A sketch of one of the dramatic costumes in "Die Walküre" — or Valkyrie.

➜ *Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200. (Gallery Pl-Chinatown)*

RoadTrip

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Funk in the Trunk

WHAT: George Clinton & the P-Funk All Stars
WHERE: Rams Head Live! 20 Market Place, Baltimore, Md.
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HOW MUCH: $33; 410-244-1131.
WHY: One psychedelic day, George Clinton decided soul didn't acid-rock enough. So he melded the two genres and gave birth to funk — revolutionizing the Motown-doo-wop sound of R&B and igniting parties wherever his platforms strolled — and it stank so good.

Return of the Queen

Paul Rodgers goes on tour with the British pomp-rock icons

MUSIC | Queen and Paul Rogers headline the Verizon Center this Thursday as part of Queen's first full United States tour since 1982.

When Queen's longtime frontman, Freddie Mercury, died of AIDS in 1991, it seemed unlikely the band would ever tour again; after all, Mercury's unique, flamboyant falsetto and stage persona had been Queen's trademarks.

However, in 2004, the remaining members announced they would be collaborating with a new vocalist. Would the band attempt to completely recreate its classic sound (as Judas Priest did when they hired Tim "Ripper" Owens, who at the time was singing in a Priest cover band) or would they work with an already established vocalist in the industry and move in a slightly different musical direction? Queen opted for the latter and hired former Free and Bad Company vocalist Paul Rodgers.

DIETHER ENDLICHER/AP

AX MEN: Queen guitarist Brian May, left, cozies up to new singer Paul Rodgers.

This is a bold choice indeed—Paul Rogers' gruff, bluesy voice is a far cry from the operatic wail of Freddie Mercury. If the two sold-out shows the band performed in Los Angeles and New Jersey last fall are any indication, fans are excited to see Queen, even in its new form.

On the band's current tour, which kicked off last Friday in Miami, it's playing a mix of hits like "Bohemian Rhapsody" from Queen's catalogue as well as song such as "Can't Get Enough" from Paul Rodgers' career. Everybody wins. GREGORY RE

➜ *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu., 8 p.m., $38-$128; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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HANG ON TO YOUR TEETH: Hellacopters buzz in from Sweden, but you wouldn't know it to hear them — it's as if some Satanic Detroit garage birthed a furious garbage-pysch-punk hybrid out of old motor oil, fading girlie posters and lawnmower parts. These dudes can loosen your teeth from 40 paces, so there's no telling what they'll do to their many "death and roll" fans who'll come out to hear them burn down the Black Cat on Sunday.

The Sounds of Robots

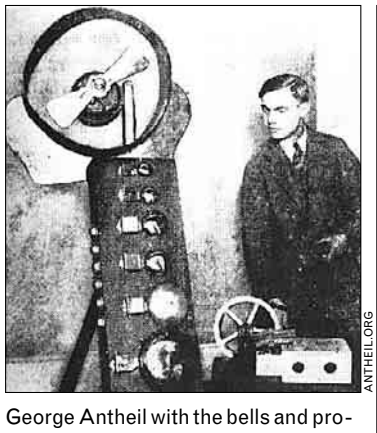
The wind-up opera 'Ballet Mecanique' finally gets in sync

OUT & ABOUT | What could be cooler than a bunch of robots banging out a ruckus on 16 pianos, xylophones, drums, a siren and giant whirring fans? Doing it inside the Natty Gal East Wing, that's what. Loudly.

It's George Antheil's notorious "Ballet Mécanique." Written in 1924, the piece requires robotic precision well beyond normal human capability. But an all-robot orchestra wasn't available. Until now.

Antheil conceived the piece as a 23-year-old American composer living in Paris. Antheil's friends included Igor Stravinsky, James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali.

The piece was to accompany a Dadaist film by Fernand Leger and Dudley Murphy. But, in true Dada style, the artists didn't actually discuss how the music would fit with the film.



ANTHEIL.ORG

George Antheil with the bells and propellers of his Dadaist composition.

To make matters more difficult, Antheil's original score called for 16 player pianos, bells, xylophones, drums, airplane propellers, a gong, a siren and a couple of human pianists all to play in perfect unison.

Even a stripped-down version for one player piano and 10 human pianists had issues. The mix of industrial sounds, atonality and ragtime jazz inspired a riot at its 1926 Paris premiere (a high compliment at the time). Then the cost — and the reviews — almost sunk Antheil's career at its disastrous Carnegie Hall premiere the next year. But the biggest problem is that its hideous difficulty rendered it almost unplayable. Unless you're a robot.

Enter the nerds of LEMUR (League of Electronic Musical Urban Robots). They constructed 140 robotic mechanisms to, um, man the orchestra, controlled by a Macintosh G5. Their perfect 10-minute version of Antheil's raucous work roars to life this Sunday.

So finally, after eight decades, "Ballet Mécanique" becomes a problem solved. BOB MASSEY

➜ *National Gallery, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; weekends., 1 p.m., weekdays 1 & 4 p.m. (premiere Sat., 4 p.m.), through March 29, free; 202-737-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

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JOIN THE CLUB: Talk about multitasking, the Karamazovs are flipping brilliant.

OUT & ABOUT | It should be noted that The Flying Karamazov Brothers are not actually related. Nor are they Russian. Nor do they fly. What they do is act silly, professionally. Imagine if Monty Python could juggle. Then add the uncertainty of juggling nearly any object the audience can throw at them. Plus keeping several comic, cosmic inquiries in the air.

In their new show, "Life: A Guide for the Perplexed," the Brothers K mix up music, light philosophy, vaudeville, storytelling and sly political barbs in ways that amaze. Plus, Brother Dmitri (Paul Magid) juggles three objects belonging to audience members, provided the objects are not currently alive, dangerous or bigger than a breadbox—whatever that is. If he drops one, it's a pie in the face. Tough choice.

The evening's through-line is Dmitri's midlife crisis and all the Big Questions looming mortality inspires. But there's one question bigger than What Happens When You Die — it's What Can Dmitri NOT Juggle?

A whole frying chicken? Done it. An open bottle of water, a bag of flour, a carton of eggs, a skateboard, a block of ice? No problem. Here's hoping someone brings a bowl of soup or tosses their pants onstage.

But the other three brothers—Pavel, Alexi and Ivan—help Dmitri sort through the big questions, even as big items hurtle through the air among them. Quirky historical figures chime in, including Shakespeare, medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonedes and Satan. They parody cheesy Bollywood flicks. They sing, dance and grapple with lifesized puppets.

But it's the juggling that amazes kids, seniors and, yes, those wrestling with middle age. Even the occasion of a dropped juggling pin is no disaster in this show. Rather, it's an acknowledgement that everyone drops a pin now and again, and picking up after a failure only highlights the wonder of the larger spectacle of life.

After all, in the age of multitasking, Ritalin and 500 cable channels, everyone in the audience is a juggler. BOB MASSEY

➜ *Strathmore Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; Thu., 8 p.m., sold out; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)*

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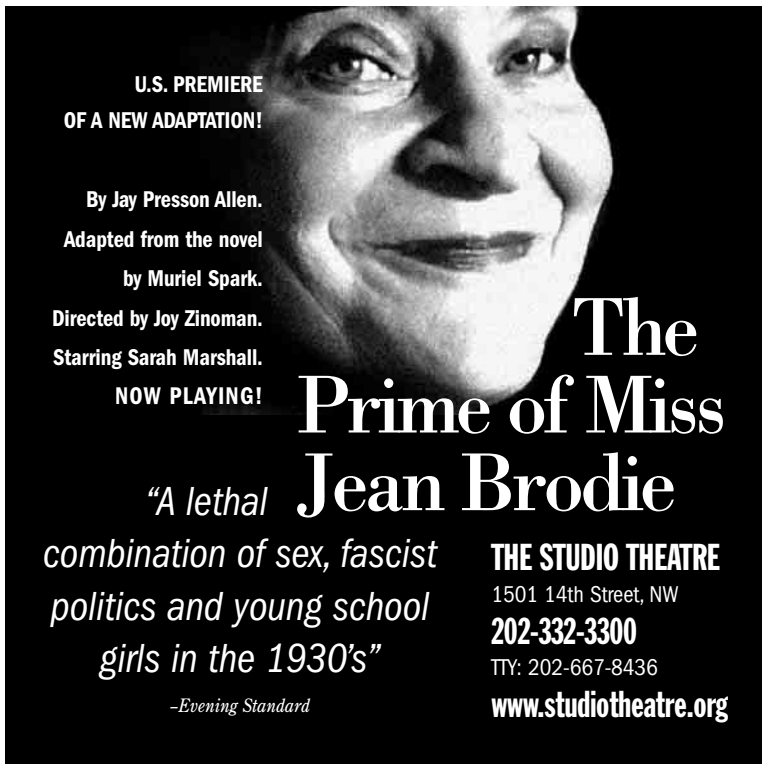

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Before the March 11 program, an orchestra of automated musical instruments—including sixteen player pianos—will perform a portion of composer George Antheil's score for the Fernand Léger film *Le Ballet mécanique* (1924). The installation will be activated for a ten-minute demonstration at 4:00 pm on the East Building Mezzanine.

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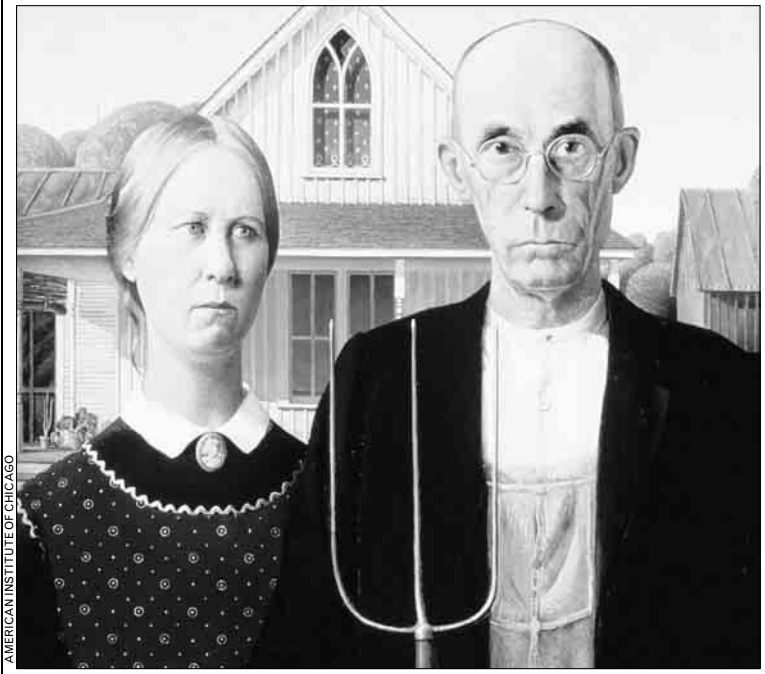

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ORDINARY AMERICANS: It's hard to look at this and not see Alfred E. Neuman.

Painter of The People

There's more to Grant Wood than 'American Gothic'

MUSEUMS | Most Americans have never come face-to-face with the most reproduced, parodied and perhaps most iconic of American paintings.

So it is with fitting fanfare that the Smithsonian imports Grant Wood's "American Gothic" to the Renwick from its home base at the Art Institute of Chicago.

While Wood's double portrait is an undeniable draw, the exhibit, "Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic," has a lofty purpose.

With an emphasis on Wood's studio — in the loft of the carriage house attached to a vast funeral home — and the Arts and Crafts movement that first inspired him, the show demonstrates how the artist took his work inside, rejecting the plein air painting of the Europeans and re-creating bucolic scenes of rural America using only the spectacular light from his cupola.

More than this, American and European decorative arts touched everything Wood painted, lending a stiff, formal air not just to the awkward couple in his most famous work — her narrow, sloping shoulders and rickrack trim; the simple but severe building behind them; the vertical convergences — but to his village scenes and landscapes, which recall the vivid painted majolica ceramics Wood collected, and to his stunning portraits.

Suffused with American humor and executed with European rigor, Wood's paintings refashion the details of Gothic costume and architecture into idealized visions of the rural Midwest. His portraits in particular skew American archetypes — the county politician, the farm wife, the sturdy young boy — even as Wood's oeuvre virtually helped create the gallery of faces that still in part defines us.

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Big Thrills, Bad Waves

Spike Lee makes a pointed documentary on Hurricane Katrina

IN WORK | One of the landmarks of recent movie history is a converted firehouse in the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn, New York. That's the office of 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks, the production headquarters of the prolific Spike Lee.

Enter its doors and you'll find a friendly staff, and rooms, corridors and stairways filled with framed one-sheets from Lee's nearly 20 feature films and autographed posters and photos from the likes of Fellini, Godard and Kurosawa. Those mementos are part of the reward for a groundbreaking career that took off in 1986 with Lee's first low-budget feature, "She's Gotta Have It," and continued at a relentless pace with "School Daze," "Do the Right Thing," "Jungle Fever," "Malcolm X," "Bamboozled" and "25th Hour" among the highlights.

Now, Lee is poised for another breakout: a highly commercial thriller starring two Oscar-winning box-office draws, Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster, and fast-rising star Clive Owen.

"Inside Man" features Washington as a New York cop pitted against a devious bank robber (Owen) in a hostage crisis. Foster plays a mysterious power broker with an agenda of her own. All is not what it seems in first-time screenwriter Russell Gewirtz's suspense tale.

Also on Lee's mind these days is beleaguered New Orleans — he's in the midst of shooting a feature-length documentary for HBO on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which is scheduled to air on the one-year anniversary of that shocking natural and bureaucratic catastrophe. "We look at the aftereffects, race, class, all the components of this part of American history."

"A lot of people in New Orleans have expressed to me that they're glad I'm doing it." said Lee. "Also like 'Malcolm X,' they remind me: I can't f--- this up. But pressure is good. We have a great responsibility with this project." KEVIN LALLY (FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)

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GUIDANCE: Spike Lee directs Monica Belluci in a scene from "She Hate Me." The director has two new projects coming out.

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Madea's Family Reunion

Tyler Perry climbs back into the big dress to play the matriarch. This movie was not screened for critics.

2 16 Blocks

This feeble thriller has so many implausibilities it makes Bruce Willis' last star vehicle, "Hostage," seem like a documentary on thermodynamics. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Eight Below

The eight canine stars of "Eight Below" pull their weight literally and figuratively in this lively dog-in-jep adventure. ANN HORNADAY

4 Ultraviolet

Humans and vampiresque figures called hemophages wage war, with leather-clad Milla Jovovich in between. This film was not screened for critics.

5 Aquamarine

It's tough to appeal to tweens' sensibilities, which teeter between schoolgirl innocence and burgeoning sophistication. At least this mild-mannered comedy about two girls who find a mermaid friend tries. ANN HORNADAY

20TH CENTURY FOX

FAIRY TAILS: A mermaid swims into two tweens' lives in the girl-flick "Aquamarine."

6 The Pink Panther

Most of the humor in "The Pink Panther" derives from Steve Martin's silly French accent. But zat joke, she ees not funny. ANN HORNADAY

7 Dave Chappelle's Block Party

There's an innocent joy watching Chappelle play host to his own celebrity, but there's something deeper at work, too. His cutting racial satire is uniquely positioned to appeal to whites and blacks. DESSON THOMSON

8 Date Movie

Slapstick can be as great as high art, but this reminds us that slapstick can be just plain bad. DESSON THOMSON

9 Curious George

The film adapted from the beloved children's books wisely plays up George's uninhibited, childish curiosity, but it's elementary. STEPHEN HUNTER

10 Firewall

Harrison Ford's brand of resolute action hero has become obsolete — for him. He looks in great shape, but the job description calls for vigor. STEPHEN HUNTER

Indies & Arties

D.C. Independent Film Festival

The 8th annual DCIFF runs through Sunday, so there's time to check out some of the hundred-plus films showing around town, weigh in at Q&A sessions with the filmmakers or attend any number of seminars and panels.

Various locations; dciff.org.

Chosen Few: El Documental, 2005

Music producer Manuel Alejandro Ruis and Cynthia Colon put together this hip-shaking documentary about reggaeton at the peak of that irresistible hybrid's powers. The film features performances, interviews and tons of concert footage.

Hirshhorn Museum, 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; Thu., 8 p.m., free; 202-357-2700. (Smithsonian)

Youth Film Fest

Three international films make their Washington premieres during this film festival for tweens and teens. The sharply observed drama about bullying, "Bluebird," from the Netherlands, screens Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and on Friday at 6:30 p.m.; an epic ravishing fairy tale told through puppeteering, the Danish "Strings" screens on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Saturday at noon; and the gorgeously animated South Korean fable "Oseam" will be showing on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-727-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

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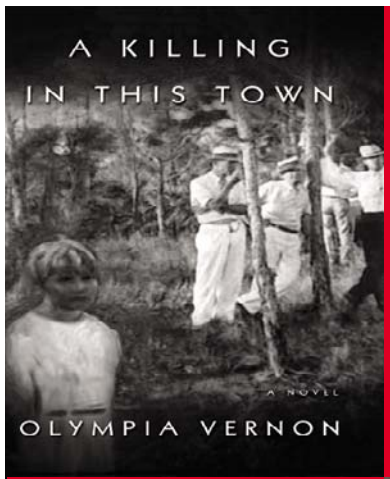
The Dutch film "Bluebird" tells of a young girl's resilience in the face of bullying.



Olympia Vernon
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Author of two Pulitzer Prize nominated novels, Vernon will read from her latest book, *A Killing In This Town*. A reception and signing will follow.

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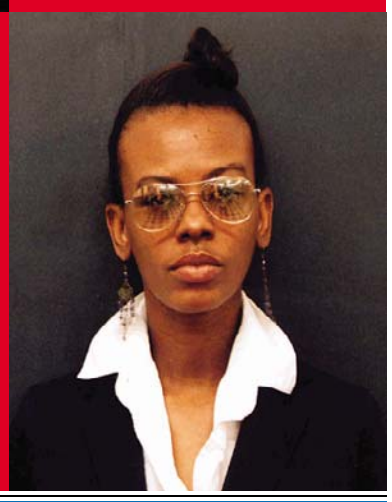

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AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
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DOOGAL (G) 3:00, 5:00
FREEDOMLAND (R) 2:40, 5:45, 8:25
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 8:20
FIREWALL (PG13) 3:10, 5:50, 8:15
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:50, 5:10, 7:50
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 5:40
TRANSAMERICA (R) ✓ 2:30, 5:35, 8:10
MUNICH (R) 2:00, 5:20, 8:40
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:20, 8:30
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:10, 5:30, 8:00

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
901-949-9202 746

16 BLOCKS (PG13) 4:10, 7:15, 10:00
AQUAMARINE (PG) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 4:15, 7:10, 9:35
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 4:40, 8:00, 10:10
DOOGAL (G) 5:20, 7:20
RUNNING SCARED (R) 9:20 PM
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 5:20, 7:40, 9:35
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 5:45, 7:50, 9:50
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 7:30
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 4:30, 9:50

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
MATCH POINT (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
MUNICH (R) 1:40, 5:10, 8:30
MUNICH (R) OC 1:40, 5:10, 8:30
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:20
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:00, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30
CAPOTE (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
202-966-5400 713

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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WHY WE FIGHT (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
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MUNICH (R) 1:05, 4:30, 8:15
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 8:05, 9:45
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
CAPOTE (R) 1:50, 7:15
GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 4:45, 10:00
CACHÉ (R) 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

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BARGAIN MATINEES BEFORE 6 PM!
DOOGAL (G) 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:10
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:45, 3:40, 5:30, 7:30

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16 BLOCKS (PG-13) (!) 4:35, 7:30
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) (!) 5:30, 7:40
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) (!) 5:00, 8:00
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) (!) 5:20, 7:40
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 5:10
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:40, 7:50
EIGHT BELOW (PG) (!) 4:30, 7:20
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) 7:35

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BOYS OF BARAKA (NR) 12:05, 2:00, 4:10, 7:50, 9:35
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NEIL YOUNG: HEART OF GOLD (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
A GOOD WOMAN (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:15

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GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:05, 7:10
BOYS OF BARAKA (NR) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:40
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MATCH POINT (R) 1:35, 4:20,7:00, 9:35

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DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 100 240 420 520) 710 800 955 1045
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1210 515) 735
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1200 1255 235 330 510) 650 745 930 1020
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 110 250 320 400 530) 640 725 810 920 1000 1040
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1025
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (120 410) 700 945
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1225 230 445) 940
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG 750
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 310 545) 815 1035
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 300 535) 755 1010
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1220 255 525)
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 740 1030
OC: ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (245) 950

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 425) 725 1035
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (125 420) 720 1020
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (140 410) 740 950
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (115 200 415 510) 730 810 1005
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 735 1010
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 745 1030
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (135 435) 715 1025
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (120 350) 650 930
SECOND CHANCE (PG-13) DIG (105)
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1255 345)
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (400) 645 1000
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 710 1015
CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 355) 655 955

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 215 400 500) 700 800 945 1045
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (150 440) 740 1005
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (210 410 455) 710 750 950 1040
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (100 200 350 450) 645 745 930 1030
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 705 1000
DOOGAL (G) DIG (125 405)
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (110 415) 720 1015
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (445) 1010
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (105)
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (145 425) 655 935
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (205) 730

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1250 335) 715 1000
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1245 330) 740 950
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 730 955
DOOGAL (G) DIG (120 410) 705
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (120 405) 650 1010
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 700 945
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1255 340) 720 1005
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (105 350) 725 1000
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG 930
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (110 355) 710 935
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (125 415)
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 655 940

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 1240 240 310 510 540) 730 810 1000
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1130 110 140 210 400 430 500) 640 710 740 920 950 1020
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1200 150 250 420 520) 700 800 930 1030
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1150 215 440) 720 940
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1120 155 435) 715 955
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1235 245 455) 705
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 725 1015
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (120 405) 650 935
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1215 230 445) 655 915
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1145 225 505) 750 1025
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 300 525) 745 1005
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1220 255 515) 735 1010
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1155 220 450)
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 910

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 430) 745 1025
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1150 140 240 420 520) 720 820 950
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1140 1240 210 310 450 550) 740 840 1010
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1220 200 300 440 540) 730 830 1020
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1135 150 415) 635
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1145 1215 215 315 445 545) 715 815 945
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 340) 700 1000
EIGHT BELOW - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) DIG (110 400) 650 930
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230 320)
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1210 250 530) 800 1015
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 645 915
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 910
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1200 130 230 410 510) 710 810
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (120 350) 620
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (100) 630
TRANSAMERICA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (220 500) 750 1030
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 640 940
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (330) 900
CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 850

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DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 415) 720 955
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1235 350) 745 1025
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1215 240 510) 730 950
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1200 1245 230 405 500) 705 740 945 1020
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1240 245 450) 700
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1230 355) 725 930 1010
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 750 1035
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (100 410) 655 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1220 235 455) 715 935
FIREWALL (PG-13) (1225 420) 755 1030
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 400) 710 940
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1205 225 505) 735 1005
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1225 250 515)

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (150 430) 720 1000
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (130 350) 715 930
DOOGAL (G) DIG (100 310 520) 730
TRANSAMERICA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 425) 700 945
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 410) 740 1020
THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN (PG-13) DIG (110 405) 705 1005
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1255 400) 710 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 420) 725 955
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (115 340) 645 920
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 355) 655 950
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 940

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1200 120 225 410 500) 720 805 1010
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (115 200 415 500) 715 800 1015
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 420) 730 1020
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1220 330) 715 1005
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1210 230 450) 730 955
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1215 230 445) 700
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 710 1000
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 345) 705 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (130 400) 710 940
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 740 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 950
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1215 245 510) 745 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 220 440) 700 920
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 355)

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Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 730 1015
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (115 400) 715 950
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1005
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1245 145 330 430) 645 730 930 1015
DOOGAL (G) DIG (100 345) 645
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (100 200 400 500) 715 800 1000
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 315) 700 950
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230) 700
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 815 1020
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 940
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (130 415) 745 1020
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (130 445) 800 1010
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1245 330) 630
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 930
OC: EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (315) 940

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 330) 720 950
AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (100 400) 725 1005
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG (1150 210 430) 740 1000
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (1225 1255 300 340) 700 730 930 1010
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1130 150 410) 705
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1210 1240 250 320) 710 745 945 1020
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 640 925
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1215 310) 650 935
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1155 225 445) 750 955
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1250 345) 645 920
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 915
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1200 220 440) 800 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1140 200 420) 720 940
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (105 350)

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The Scene

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➜THURSDAY

Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, 9 p.m, $5, free with college ID.
Birchmere: The Saw Doctors, 7:30 p.m., $25.
Black Cat: The Loved Ones, None More Black, 9 p.m., $7.
Blues Alley: Terrence Blanchard Quintet, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Theary, 9 p.m., $5.
Capital City Records: Tru Skool open mic (hip-hop), 7 p.m., free.
Crossroads: Hip-hop & dancehall with DJs Alizay, Jet Lee, Zone One, Majestic, 5 p.m., ladies free with pass from crossroadsclub.com
DC9: Pearls and Brass, Owls and Crows, 9:30 p.m., $8.
Five: Latin party, DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., $5.
Improv: Jeff Dunham, 8:30 p.m., $20.
Iota: Jonathan Spottiswoode and His Enemies, Hey Negrita, 9 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: Kaki King, Devon Sproule, 8 p.m., $15.
Kennedy Center: Darryl Taylor, 6 p.m., free. Gretchen Parlato, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., $15.
Love: DJs William & Analyze (Spanish, hip-hop, old-school), 9 p.m., $20, free with pass from lovetheclub.com.
Nation: Alchemy, 8 p.m., $7
9:30 Club: Metric, Islands and Men, Women and Children, 5:30 p.m., $15. The Pogues, 8:30 p.m., sold out.
Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs Qic-Silver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
Twins Jazz: Erik Deutsch, Allison Miller, Todd Sickafoose, 8 p.m.
Velvet Lounge: New London Fire, Starlight Drive, Olivia Mancini, Ed Donahue, Portable Folk, 9 p.m., $6.
Verizon Center: Queen and Paul Rodgers, 8 p.m., $38-$128.
Warehouse Next Door: Lion of Judah, Bionic Man, Porch Mob, Police and Thieves, 8:30 p.m., $6.
Wolf Trap: Tom Paxton, 8 p.m., $20.
Zanzibar: Open mic, 5 p.m., free.

➜ FRIDAY

Apex: John Rizzo, 9 p.m., $8.
Asylum: An evening with Blowback, music & spoken word, 8 p.m., $5.
Birchmere: Paula Poundstone, 7:30 p.m., $35.

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DREAMGIRL: If "singer-songwriter-vocalist-guitarist-chick-everyone-seems-to-like" had its own rack at Sam Goody, that's where you'd find Beth Orton. Her sigh-evoking ballads and softly layered folk rock are just too darn heartfelt and genuine to find fault with, as fans will hear at Sunday night's 9:30 Club show. Aw, shucks, you know you like it.

Black Cat: Weird War, Kid Congo & The Pink Monkey Birds, Benjy Ferree, 9:30 p.m., $10. DJ DK, '80s, hip-hop and electronica, 10 p.m., $5 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Terrence Blanchard Quintet, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Clarice Smith Center: Black Virtuosos Tradition featuring Anthony de Mare and Steven Mayer, part of the American Piano Festival, 8 p.m., $30, $7 students.
Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., $10, ladies free before 11 p.m.
Crossroads: Bobby's Music Machine, Sprang International, The Aki Experience, Bob D-Wiz, Peter Humphries and the Oasis Band, 5 p.m., free before 8 p.m.
DAR Constitution Hall: Earth, Wind & Fire, 8 p.m., $70.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., $5.
Fur: Ladies' night, 9:30 p.m., $20, ladies free with pass from furnightclub.com.
GMU Center for the Arts: Russian National Orchestra, 8 p.m., $25-$50.
Improv: Jeff Dunham, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.
Iota: RPM, Exit Clov, Thao Nguyen, Verbal, 9:30 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: The Fabulous Mary Ann Redmond Band, Chelsea Lee, 8 p.m., $15.
Jaxx: Funny Money, Evick, Zo2, Wicked Sins, 7 p.m., $7.
Jokes On Us: Mike Brooks, 8:30 & 10:45 p.m., $10.
Kennedy Center: Cadet Glee Club, 6 p.m., free. Flutology featuring Frank Wess, Holly Hoffmann and Ali Ryerson, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., $25.
Love: DJs Harry Hotter, Analyze & Armmageddon (old-school, hip-hop), 9 p.m., $20, free with pass from lovetheclub.com.
Montgomery College: Faculty perform "An Evening of Jazz" to raise money for scholarships, 8 p.m., $10 (suggested donation).
Nation: Cübik, 8 p.m., $10.
9:30 Club: The Pogues, 9:45 p.m., sold out.
Platinum: Club mix with DJ Alize, 9 p.m., $10 before 11 p.m with pass from platinumclubdc.com., $15 after 11 p.m.
Sitar Center: New Music Salon with Fireworks, 8 p.m., $10.
Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: John Jensen Quintet, 6 p.m., $10.
State Theatre: The Nighthawks, Bog Margolin, 9 p.m., $13 (advance), $16.
Twins Jazz: Mark Mosley Quartet, Onaje Allan Gumbs, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
Velvet Lounge: The Bad Wizard, the Whips, the Spores, Rye Coalition, 10 p.m., $8.
Warehouse Next Door: Deceased, Kiss of Death, Soulless, Plaguewielder, 9 p.m., $7.
Warehouse Theater: Racebannon, Gospel, Mass Movement of the Moth, Rue the Day, 8 p.m., $6
Wolf Trap: St. Lawrence String Quartet, 8 p.m., $30.
Zanzibar: DJs Naem & Quicksilver, 5 p.m. Iwer George, DJ Hazzard, DJ King Tut (soca & reggae), $20 before 12 a.m.

➜SATURDAY

Asylum: Eden Falling, 10 p.m., $5.
Apex: Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., $8.
Birchmere: Suede, 7:30 p.m., $22.50.
Black Cat: New Order vs. Duran Duran Dance Party, DJ Stevie EP, Mellie Mel and Killa K, 9:30 p.m., $9. Bluestate, 9:30 p.m., $5 (backstage).
BlackRock: Sandip Burman & Friends (Indian rhythm-based jazz & raga), 7 p.m., $25-$55.
Blues Alley: Terrence Blanchard Quintet, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Capital City Records: Crosstown Jam Katrina Benefit and Hip Hop Independence Day Concert Series 6, 3 p.m., free.

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Apex: 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.
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Birchmere Music Hall: 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500.
BlackRock: 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-216-0081.
Black Cat: 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.
Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.
Bohemian Caverns: 2003 11th St. NW; 202-299-0800.
Capital City Records: 1020 U St. NW; 202-518-24444.
Clarice Smith Center: U. Maryland College Park; 301-405-2787.
Club Amazon: 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.
Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.
DAR Constitution Hall: 1776 D St. NW; 202-628-1776.
DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.
D.C. Arts Center: 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.
Five: 1214B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.
Fur: 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.
George Mason U. Center for the Arts: 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 888-945-2787.
George Washington Masonic Memorial: 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria; 703-913-6143.
George Washington U., Lisner Auditorium: 21st & H Streets NW; 202-994-6800.
Improv: 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008.
Iota Club & Café: 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.
Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Ave., East Vienna; 703-255-1566.
Jaxx: 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.
Kennedy Center: 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.
Love: 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.
Lyceum: 201 S. Washington St. Alexandria; 703-838-4270.
Montgomery College: 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 301-279-5209.
Nation: 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.
9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.
Platinum: 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.
Sitar Center for the Arts: 1700 Kalorama Road NW; 202-315-1315.
State Theatre: 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.
Strathmore: 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5100.
Twins Jazz: 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.
U-Turn: 11th & U St. NW; 202-299-9882.
Velvet Lounge: 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.
Warehouse Next Door: 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.
Wolf Trap: 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1900.
Zanzibar: 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

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Club Amazon: The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m.
Crossroads: Reggae, Soca & hip-hop with DJs Super Slice, Zone One & Bobby's Music Machine, 10 p.m., $15 before 11 p.m.
DAR Constitution Hall: Toni Braxton, Mint Condition, 8 p.m., $70.
DC9: Measles, Mumps and Rubella CD release, French Toast, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Fur: Ferry Corsten, 10 p.m., $20.
Galaxy Hut: A Northern Chorus, Lejeune, 9:45 p.m., $5.
George Washington University: Angelique Kidjo, 7:30 p.m., $20-$35.
Improv: Jeff Dunham, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.
Iota: Freeloader, Robin Wynn, 9:30 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: Toshi Reagon, 7 p.m., $15. The Dreamscapes Project, Stillwell, 9:30 p.m., $8.
Jaxx: Localpalooza featuring Stupyd Cow, D-Fiant, Envy Insane, Fight the Bear, oneslackmind and more, 2 p.m., $10.
Jokes On Us: William Troxler, Greg Poole, 8:30 & 10:45 p.m., $15.
Kennedy Center: Cellists Carol King & Benjamin Wensel, 6 p.m., free. Boston Symphony Orchestra, 4:30 p.m., $45-$115. Tribute to Pablo Casals, 7:30 p.m., $34. Flutology featuring Frank Wess, Holly Hoffmann and Ali Ryerson, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., $25.
Love: DJs William, Money, Bomba & Jose (hip-hop, Latin, top 40), 9 p.m., $20.
Masonic National Memorial: Scottish music & dance, 3 p.m., $20.
Nation: Velvet, 10 p.m., $8 before 11 p.m., $15 after 11 p.m.
9:30 Club: Cowboy Mouth, Trevor Hall, 9 p.m., $20.
Platinum: Party mix with DJs Gemini, Smokey Joe, Jose, 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
State Theatre: The Soft Parade (Doors tribute), 9 p.m., $13.
Strathmore: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra: violinist Sayaka Shoji, 8 p.m., $43-$78.
Twins Jazz: Mark Mosley Quartet, Onaje Allan Gumbs, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
U-Turn: Fierce Allegiance, Curbside Revenge, Flinch, Traces of Aden, 10 p.m., $5.
Velvet Lounge: Private Eleanor, Analog Jet Pack, School, 10 p.m., $8.
Warehouse Next Door: Hollywood, Rachel Jacobs & the Sputnik, Leah Quinelle All-Stars featuring Happy Word, 8:30 p.m., $7.
Zanzibar: Rhythms Reggae Stylee, Sprang International, DJ Nemesis, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m, $10 after 10 p.m.

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One of the masters of Japanese cinema gets his moment as Makio Naruse's influential works come to town. With his sensitive craftsmanship, formal rigor and compassionate portrayal of the lives and hopes of the lower middle classes, Naruse helped usher in an era of realism and social concern in Japanese cinema. Films in this series include "Wife, Be Like a Rose," "Nightly Dreams," "Flunky Work Hard" and "Hideko the Bus Conductress." National Gallery, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-842-6799. AFI Silver, 1833 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-7600. Freer Gallery, 12th Street & Independence Aveue. NW; 202-633-4880.

➜ SUNDAY

Birchmere: Cristina Branco , 7:30 p.m., $29.50.
Black Cat: The Hellacopters, The Datsuns, Nebula, 8:30 p.m., $15.
Blues Alley: Terrence Blanchard Quintet, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
DAR Constitution Hall: Mark Wills, 3 p.m., free.
D.C. Arts Center: The Young Bucks of Comedy (Sampson, Keith the Comedian, Ryan Conner & Seaton Smith), 7:30 p.m., $6.
DC9: No Things, Mercutio, Knife Skills, Mess up the Mess, 9:30 p.m., $8.
Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., $10.
Galaxy Hut: Gist, the Jet Age, 9 p.m., $5.
Improv: Jeff Dunham, 8 p.m., $20.
Iota: Marah, These United States, 8:30 p.m., $13.
Jammin' Java: Screaming Puppets (improv comedy), 6 p.m., $10. Winterpills, Ruut, Trevor Hall, 8:30 p.m., $10.
Jokes On Us: Mike Brooks, 8:30 p.m., $10.
Kennedy Center: NSO Family Concerts presents Happy Birthday Wolfgang Amadeus, 1 & 3 p.m., free. Nava Ensemble, 6 p.m., free. New York Festival of Song, 7:30 p.m., $38.50.
9:30 Club: Beth Orton, Willy Mason, 8:30 p.m., sold out.
Lyceum: Flory Jagoda, Ramon Tasat & Friends (Sephardic), 6:30 p.m., $25.
Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun (R&B, hip-hop), free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
Strathmore: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras, 2 p.m., $15.
Twins Jazz: Ivory Lee, 4 p.m. Weekly jam session with the Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m.
Velvet Lounge: Break Mission, 9 p.m., $6.
Wolf Trap: Kenny Rankin, 7:30 p.m., $20.

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ARNOLD TURNER

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN? Touring on the strength of 2005's "Libra," Toni Braxton whispers sweet nothings like "Take This Ring" at DAR Constitution Hall this weekend. And no, fellas, she's not trying to give it back to hubby, Mint Condition's keyboardist — his group opens the show.

Sight

LAST CHANCE American University, Katzen Center: Remembering Marc and Komei, offbeat and surreal works from their art collection, by Ernst Fuchs, Lisa Brotman, Roy de Forest and more. "Body Languages," Mary Coble and Robert Flynt, photos that explore language, desire and hate crimes. "From the Studio," featuring the work of the university's faculty, all through March 12. 4000 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-3634.
LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary: "Whippersnappers," gifted young artists including sculptor Fatima Hoang, video artist Annie Schap and Zach Storm, through March 11. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.
LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art: Sculptor Ronald Gonzalez's figures, made of organic material and found objects, evoke morality, decay and fading memories, through March 12. The first full-scale career survey of Robert Bechtle's Americana-tinged paintings, March 4 through June 4. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.
Cultural Institute of Mexico: "Strange New World," art and design from Tijuana., through April 22. Works from San Diego's Museum of Contemporary Art, through April 24. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.
D.C. Arts Center: "Hystoria," featuring paintings and photos that depict history in the wake of a chaotic present, through March 26. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.
Flashpoint: "Flocks & Flowers," Nathan Manuel's drawings and paintings of Christian practices in a largely secular world, opening reception Fri., 6 p.m., through April 1. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.
Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare for children over the centuries, through May 13. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.
Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Fourth Annual Bethesda International Photograph Competition, featuring 30 photographs in a juried competition, opening reception Fri., 6 p.m., through April 11. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.
LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery

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HENRY HORENSTEIN/COURTESY NMAH

DANCE ME HOME: Henry Horenstein's photographs of country musicians — including the Johnson Mountain Boys, above — from the early 1970s to the early '80s captured an era as it faded. This bittersweet time capsule goes on display at the National Museum of American History on Friday.

TheScene

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Georgetown: Chawky Frenn's paintings, through March 10. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Katsushika Hokusai, 180 paintings, prints, drawings and books of the well-known Japanese artist, through May 14. "100 Years of the Book of Tea," through May 29. Whistler, Paintings from the 1880s, ongoing. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

Gallery 10: Dennis Olsen's prints and porcelains show how ancient texts and maps shape cultural realities, through April 1. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

Gallery Plan B: The photographic work of six artists, through April 16. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711.

George Mason University: The Children of South Africa: The Way Forward, photos, through March 22 (Mason Hall Atrium Gallery). Fairfax campus, Braddock Road & Route 123; 703-993-8888.

Gateway: "Aeromatic," Artomatic participants compete in a juried show, through April 3. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

Hirshhorn Museum: Directions banner by Jim Hodges, through April 1. Hiroshi Sugimoto, the brilliant photographer's first career survey, through May 14. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

International Visions Gallery: "Horses," featuring paintings by Mary Ann Reilly, photos by John Engelhart and sculptures by Claire McArdle, opening reception Sat., 6 p.m., through April 1. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary: Celebrity Photographs From the Warhol Factory Years, through March 31. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

National Archives/Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery: "The Way We Worked," photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through July 4. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: "Audubon's

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Eating Around

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Assume the Difficult 'Chicken Vindaloo' Asana

Yeah, we got nervous when we heard about the partnership between **GEORGETOWN YOGA** and the **CURRY CLUB** restaurant, too. Sure, they're both good for you, but at the same time? With all the spices and the bending? It turns out, though, that the food comes after the stretching. As of March 1, Georgetown Yoga students can buy Gourmet on the Go — ready-made take-away food prepared by Curry Club — at the studio. The menu changes daily, and all meats and poultry are antibiotic and hormone-free, so you can "Om" organically. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

➜ *Georgetown Yoga: 1053 31st St. NW; 202-342-7779.*

➜ *Curry Club: 1734 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-625-9090.*

OBVIOUS THEMES

The Pits: A Rash of Culinary Literalism to Invade D.C.

With weekend temperatures likely to rise into the 70s, it seems that spring is here. And with the arrival of warmer weather will come the flooding of downtown food courts with high-schoolers and, of course, cherry-blossom fever, which has struck chefs and restaurateurs across the city. If you think the simple cherry can only be served a couple ways, a tour of Washington's restaurants during spring would prove you wrong. To coincide with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which starts March 25, cherry-themed dishes will be popping up across the city.

A quick sampling of what's planned: At **BANGKOK JOE'S**, expect a three-course cherry menu including Thai chicken potstickers with spicy sweet cherry sauce, cherry-roasted farm duck breast with cherry rice pilaf, grilled asparagus and rice sticks and warm cherry custard roll with sweet cherries and caramel. At **CAFÉ MOZART**, Black Forest-style chicken, veal or pork will be served with a sour cherry mushroom cream sauce. At the Kennedy Center's **ROOF TERRACE**, pastry chef Haroutyoun Sarkees' will be dishing up Cherries From Heaven. Finally, **BRASSERIE LES HALLES** is planning at least 10 cherry-themed offerings, including roasted pheasant leg and sauteed breast with bing cherry and pomegranate sauce, rabbit terrine with pistachio and cherry and papillote of Dover sole with — pant, pant — sour cherry. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

➜ *Bangkok Joe's, 3000 K St. NW; 202-333-4422.*

➜ *Café Mozart. 1331 H St. NW; 202-347-5732. (McPherson Square)*

➜ *Kennedy Center's Roof Terrace, 2700 F St. NW; 202-416-8555. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

➜ *Brasserie Les Halles, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-347-6848. (Federal Triangle)*

JULIA EWAN/TWP

They're out of season, but cherries will star in many local menus anyway.

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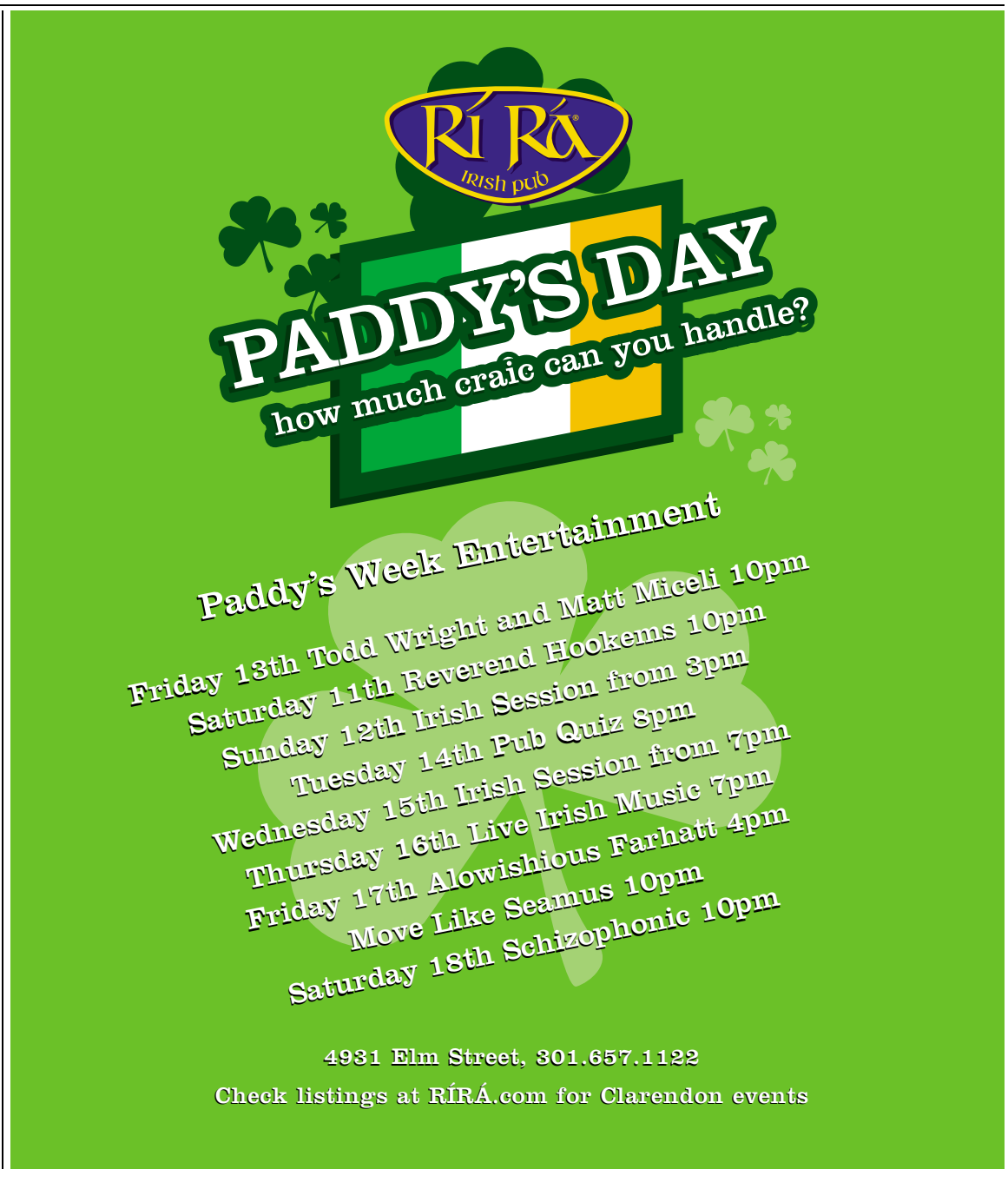

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LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

What's going on with Ray's the Steaks? The message on the answering machine says no more parties over six, no more reservations (though existings will be honored), and they're closed indefinitely after March 26. What gives?

From the horse's mouth to your eyes: "I'm closing because I have to find a way to bring the restaurant back to the neighborhood, where it belongs," owner Michael Landrum told me. "Even if it involves reformatting my operations." The "closing" is most likely temporary; the good news is that his forthcoming restaurant in Silver Spring is getting closer to its due date.

➜ *1725 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-841-7297 (Rosslyn)*

My husband and I are eager to try the small sushi restaurant Kotobuki. Do they take reservations?

Small, cheap and very good, Kotobuki does not take reservations; my advice is to go early.

➜ *4822 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-625-9080.*

I have not heard much about Merkado since your two-star rating some months ago. Have you been back? Any drop-off in quality?

I dined there solo not long ago and really enjoyed my meal; it felt — and tasted — like a two-star ("good") establishment.

➜ *1443 P St. NW; 202-299-0018. (Dupont Circle)*

LOIS RAIMONDO/TWP

STILL HOT: The Asian-influenced Latin food at Merkado is still as vibrant and modern as Tom Sietsema found it when he first reviewed it — two stars' worth.

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Dream Realized," through March 26. Cézanne in Provence, through May 7. Dada, a massive retrospective of the early-20th-century movement, through May 14. Amorous Intrigues and Painterly Refinement, landscapes and portraits by Frans van Mieris, through May 21. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: From Geisha to Diva: The Kimonos of Ichimaru, through April 23. Mongolia: Traditions Reborn, antique and contemporary pieces from Buddhist Tsam ceremonies, through May 14. Archipelago, photos of animal life in Hawaii, through May 29. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art: "BIG/small," diverse historical pieces show the importance of size and scale in African art, through July 9. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of American History: Honky-Tonk, Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians, Fri. through Sept. 5. Benjamin Franklin, artifacts and paintings, through April 17. Ray Charles, Celia Cruz, both through Sept. 4. More ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Ancient Colombian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through April 23. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of Women in the Arts: Postmodern photography examining gender roles, through March 12. Last 11 Days, Sue Coe's charcoal drawings of her dying mother, through March 19. Divine and Human: Women in Ancient Mexico and Peru, sculptures, jewelry and other archaeological pieces explore the roles of women in ancient Mesoamerica, through May 28. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

Northern Virginia Community College: Collages by NVCC professor Jim Burford, through March 27. Colgan Hall Exhibit Space, 6901 Sudley Road, Manassas, Va.; 703-257-6532.

Numark Gallery: "Some Places," Doug Hall's photos question tourism, through April 15. 625 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

Phillips Collection: Paintings by Degas, Sickert and Toulouse-Lautrec illuminate the dialogue among 19th-century French and British artists, through May 14. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Project 4: "Afterwar," some 24 photos of the effects of war, taken around the globe by Lori Grinker, through April 1. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

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WORDS WORTH: The source of all the world's tales is in danger and it takes many characters and lots of imagination to save it. Theatre Alliance's family-friendly production of "Haroun and the Sea of Stories," based on the novel by Salman Rushdie, takes young theater-goers to utterly fictional places and lets them witness utterly magical things. The play is at H Street Playhouse through April 2; it moves to the Round House Theater in Silver Spring April 6-9.

JIM SAAH

Waging Weird War With Svenonius

BACK IN THE '80S AND '90S, Ian Svenonius' bands Nation of Ulysses and the Make-Up made radical rock so over-the-top that listeners suspected he wasn't serious. His current band, Weird War, keeps the chuckles coming through another recurring theme: his greatness. Though Svenonius' bands have proved their ability to meld garage rock to anything — from funk to Fugazi — Weird War can be expected to keep the masses dancing Friday at the Black Cat. Svenonius makes such a spectacle of himself onstage: Is he totally weird in real life? An acquaintance describes him: "Sure, he's weird, but he's not huddled in a corner drinking piss or anything." But if he thought it was funny, he might.

Smithsonian American Art Museum/Renwick Gallery: Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic, 160 works, including the highly recognizable "American Gothic," Fri. through June 11. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE Spectrum Gallery: Oil on canvas and works on paper by Shahrzad Heyat Jallinous, through March 12. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

Strathmore: The Washington Water Color Association displays selected pieces, through March 31. 15th Annual Juried Strathmore Artist Membership Exhibition, featuring a variety of media by regional artists, through April 8. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

Textile Museum: Seldom Seen: Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections, through July 30. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Touchstone Gallery: Tory Cowles and Aina Nergaard-Nammack's paintings, opening reception Fri., 6 p.m., through April 9. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

University of Maryland, College Park: (Still) Learning From Las Vegas, 1,000 photos of the city, inspired by Robert Ventura's groundbreaking architecture book through March 17. School of Architecture's Kibel Gallery, Baltimore Ave. & Rossborough Lane, College Park; 301-405-6284.

U.S. Botanic Garden: Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden, through April 2. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Rhythm and Lines," Joseph Holston's etchings of African-American life, through March 26. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Square: Sculpture Now: 2006, an exhibition of the Washington Sculptors Group, through May 5. 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-8696.

White-Meyer Gallery: The Library of Congress presents a children's book display with 80 well-known original illustrations, through April 30. 1624 Crescent Place. NW; 202-939-5568.

Zenith Gallery: Featuring paintings, sculptures, photos and prints of 34 artists, through March 28. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

SATURDAY ONLY Any Space Is a Dance Place: BosmaDance tries not to knock over too many bookshelves at this in-store performance, 1 p.m., free. Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-1919, politics-prose.com

The Bad Seed: In this classic thriller, parents begin to suspect that their young daughter is a murderer, through March 19, $11-$15. Silver Spring Stage, Colesville Road & University Boulevard, Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

Boston Marriage: The Actors' Theatre of Washington presents David Mamet's Victorian-era wit-fest about a female couple, April 2, $26.50. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-484-8497.

LAST CHANCE Carrie Potter at the Half Blood Prom: A satire of "Harry Potter," Stephen King, "Buffy" and other pop-culture landmarks, from the creators of "Frozty the Abominable Snowman," through March 11, $12. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, landlesstheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Cheaters: A jazz musician who can't settle down faces his biggest fear: commitment, starring recording artist Brian McKnight, through March 12, $37.50-$45. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-4000, warnertheatre.com.

Citizen 13559: The Journal of Ben Uchida: A Japanese-American boy recalls life with his family in a California internment camp during World War II, $15. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600.

LAST CHANCE Death and the King's Horseman: Washington Shakespeare Company presents this play by Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka about a colonial officer's interference in a tribal suicide rite, through March 12, $22-$30.

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Strings

(Anders Rønnow Klarlund, Denmark, 2004)
Saturday, March 11 | 12:00 pm

A virtuoso feat of puppeteering, this stunning film imagines a mythical kingdom populated entirely by stringed puppets. An epic tale of adventure, bondage and liberation, love and war, and identity and destiny, *Strings* is a magical blend of themes that range from Shakespeare to *The Lord of the Rings* to *Star Wars*. *In English. Discussion with puppeteers will follow.*

Film still from *Oseam* (Sung Baek-yeop, South Korea, 2003).

Oseam

(Sung Baek-yeop, South Korea, 2003)
Sunday, March 12 | 11:30 am

Five-year-old Gilson and his blind sister travel in search of their mother and meet Buddhist monks who take them in. Their journey then progresses from a physical search to a spiritual quest. With visually stunning, hand-drawn animation, *Oseam's* themes of beauty, tragedy, and never-ending love underscore the tenets of Buddhist tradition. *In Korean with English subtitles.*

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Clark St. Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 703-418-4808, washingtonshakespeare.org.

Don Juan: In Molière's version of the story, a scoundrel rails against societal convention and hypocrisy, through March 19, $14-$71. The Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-3230, shakespearetheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Driving Miss Daisy: A white widow and her black chauffeur find common ground over 25 years, through March 12, $18. Indian Head Center for the Arts, 4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, Md.; 301-743-3040, indianheadblackbox.org.

The Dybbuk: The Tsikurishvilis present the Jewish text about ill-fated love, snobbery and exorcism, told through theater and dance, through March 19, $15-$50. Theater J, DCJCC, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3229.

LAST CHANCE Eleemosynary: The Catalyst Theatre Co. presents Lee Blessing's play about the relationships of three generations of women, through March 11, $20-$30. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7 St. SE; 202-494-3776, catalysttheater.com.

Fanny's First Play: In honor of the 150th anniversary of George Bernard Shaw's birth, the Stage Guild presents his work about a recent college graduate's first play, through April 2, $30-$35. Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 240-582-0050, stageguild.org.

LAST CHANCE Fat Pig: A trim man falls for a corpulent woman in Neil LaBute's extremely popular social satire, through March 12, $32-$40. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Festival Internacional de Teatro Hispano: Angela Meyer stars in "Las Reinas del Chantecler," a play about a cleaning lady imagining her glamorous past, through March 11, $25. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-548-3092, teatrodelaluna.org.

The God of Hell: A sheltered farm couple is confronted with the dark side of politics in Sam Shepard's commentary on the Patriot Act, through March 18, $20. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, atlasarts.org.

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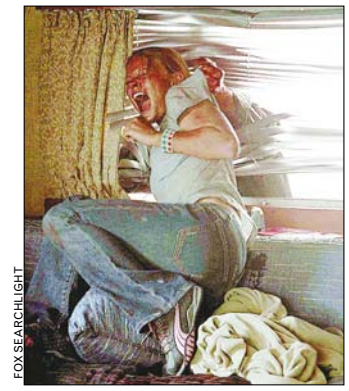

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Haroun and the Sea of Stories: Theater Alliance performs Tim Supple's adaptation of Salman Rushdie's 1990 book about a master storyteller who loses his gift, through April 2, $25. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125, theateralliance.com.

LAST CHANCE The Heiress: A young New York woman in the 1850s is caught between a handsome suitor and her protective father, through March 15, $39. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Hip Hop Anansi: An update of a Ghanian folk story about a trickster whose children come to his aid when he loses his powers, part of Imagination Stage's Deaf Access Program, through April 13, $10-$15. 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Hip-Hop Festival: Featuring Culture Shock DC, Ted Castellanos, Bro Yao and other spoken word artists and dancers, March 11 & 12, $20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Huck Finn's Story: A theatrical adaptation of Mark Twain's novel about a boy and a runaway slave's adventures on the Mississippi River, featuring music by Aurand Harris, Sat. through April 25, $12. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Joy of Motion Dance Studio Open House: JMDS offers free performances, classes, refreshments and massages. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-6764, joyofmotion.org.

Life: A Guide for the Perplexed: The Flying Karamazov Brothers juggle knives, skateboards and Western politics in their newest show, $15-$40. Strathmore, 5301 Tucker Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5100, strathmore.org.

This Lime Tree Bower: Three ne'er-do-wells in an Irish seaside town deliver monologues in Scena Theatre's adaptation of Connor McPherson's play, through March 19, $25-$30. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, scenatheatre.org.

The Mai: Solas Nua presents Marina Carr's play about a successful 40-year-old Irish woman left with four children after her husband abandons her, through March 26, $20, $15 (students and seniors). Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th St. NW; 202-462-7275, solasnua.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Make Room for Love: Six sisters with divergent lives reunite and face addiction and tragedy with each other's help, through March 12, $26-$32.50. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; 202-328-6000.

LAST CHANCE Mistress: The Landless Acting Ensemble incorporates music and dance to tell the stories of the great political paramours, through March 11, $12-$18. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie: A Scottish teacher in the 1930s faces dangerous consequences as she attempts to remain dedicated to her students in the midst of spreading war and fascism, through April 15, $32-$52. The Metheny Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

The Rainmaker: Lisa Peterson directs N. Richard Nash's 50-year-old play about a struggling family farm, through April 9, $10-$60. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066, arenastage.org.

Rameau's Nephew: Spooky Action Theater's adaptation of Diderot's story about a philosopher's debates with his selfish, money-obsessed nephew, through April 2, $25. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.com.

Romeo & Juliet: Northeast D.C.'s new theater group, Company III.ii, performs their adaptation of Shakespeare's classic, through March 18, $5. Options Charter School, 1375 E. Street NE; 301-442-7973, companythreetwo.org.

El Rufian Castrucho: Lope de Vega's "comedic romp" about bored Spanish soldiers in 16th century Italy, through March 19, $28-$32. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Two Queens, One Castle: A musical based on the true story of a marriage torn apart by a homosexual affair, through March 5, $35-$40. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 800-494-8497, metrostage.org.

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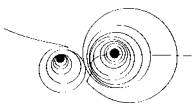

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

Whether you think **FADO** is a cool Irish pub or you despise its corporate aesthetic, you can't deny that they kick into overdrive the week before St. Patrick's Day. Everything gets started tonight with a raffle for tickets to the sold-out Pogues show at the **9:30 CLUB**. Show up before the 8 p.m. raffle, have a pint, put your name in the hat, and you could be off to see that night's concert.

Local indie darlings Exit Clov make an interesting pairing with hip-hoppers RPM at **IOTA** tonight. There is definitely an unfortunate deficit of cross-genre bills like this in the area. Exit Clov fans should have no problem taking in RPM, who meld rap with jazz-tinged jam bandery, while the hip-hop heads will be immediately struck by the interwoven harmonies of Exit Clov's twin vocalists.

SATURDAY

Buoyed by the success of the last Katrina relief fundraiser at **CAPITAL CITY RECORDS**, the Washington Area Music Association is reprising the hip-hop and soul showcase. Storm the Unpredictable, arguably the hardest-working man on the scene, will host and drop a few cuts. Other names you should check for include cheeky and adorable singer Ne'a Posey; Seez Mics, a winner of countless MC battles, who forms Educated Consumers with his beat conductor T.E.C.K.; and Michael Aaron & Funkglove, who will add some funk band action to the store's small performance space.

While March Madness doesn't begin until next Thursday, most major conferences host title games today. The best place to root is the annual party at the **CRYSTAL CITY SPORTS PUB**, which attracts alumni from dozens of schools for an all-day hoops orgy starting at noon and has more than 60 televisions. Donate $5 at the door (half goes to a college scholarship fund, the rest goes to Hoop Dreams) and you'll get half-price burgers and wings, $2.75 domestic bottle beer and Miller Lite drafts, and discounted pitchers.

Every month, DJ Meistro and Dave Nada do their best to transform **WONDERLAND BALLROOM** into a sweaty, grinding mass of twentysomethings partying like the rapture is about to arrive. Their salacious mix of Baltimore club, dancehall and hip-hop will be given a boost tonight by a new sound system. You'll probably make a new friend or two, because you've got no choice other than getting up close and personal.

THE SHAMROCKFEST is one of the biggest parties in the area: 20 bands, a carnival-style midway, beer trucks and food vendors around the **BALLSTON COMMON MALL**. The appeal of the event lies in wandering among four stages and seeing bands like the Soliders of Jah Army, LRS or the Flying Cows of Ventry. Arrive early to beat the crowds. Tickets are $20 at the gate, which opens at noon. Proceeds benefit Stop Child Abuse Now.

SUNDAY

Winterpills is a band that obviously put some thought into its name. The achingly sad — but equally beautiful — music the Massachusetts quartet creates is the perfect soundtrack to a cold, dark day spent under the influence of pharmaceuticals. Winterpills' self-titled album takes its cues from Nick Drake, Elliott Smith and even Yo La Tengo. It's a good start, even if the band isn't threatening the legacies of those acts yet. Sunday's forecast calls for warm temperatures, but Winterpills should be able to cool down **JAMMIN' JAVA**.

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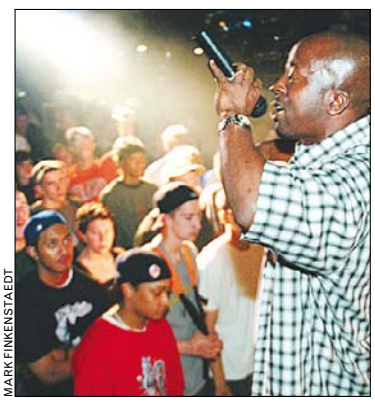
LUCKY CLOVERS: D.C. scenesters Exit Clov prep for South by Southwest Friday.



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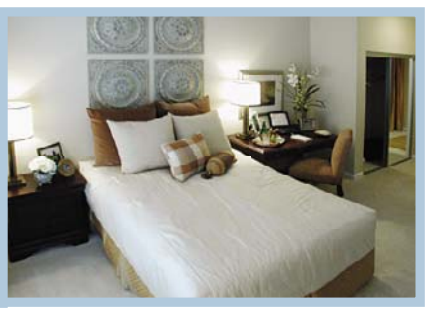

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